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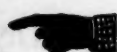
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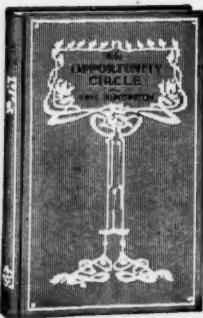
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while enthusiastic over the removal of the debt at Hartford and the uplift to the work resulting therefrom, is at the same time solicitous in regard to the financial outlook. If the feeling should go abroad, as it has in some cases, that the Board is now relieved of its burdens, and that special efforts are not necessary to supply its treasury, the result would be disastrous. The situation seems to the committee critical unless there is a prompt and strenuous effort made, on the part of all the friends of the Board, to enlarge generously its receipts in donations from the living. To correct any false impressions the committee is sending a memorial to all the Congregational churches, requesting the pastors to bring the matter fully and directly to their congregations. This statement will express the deep feelings of the committee, which has the heavy burden of responsibility laid upon it in regard to the Board's financial needs for this year. We are confident that such a request from such a source will be heeded gladly by the pastors and welcomed by the churches.

The Baptist Congress in New York

The Baptist Congress, in session three days last week in Central Baptist Church, New York, reversed the usual experience in that it had a larger attendance than a congress ever secured in New England or smaller cities. Possibly this was due to the fact that topics were exceedingly timely. The denominational line was drawn sharply, practically no one attending but Baptists. Dr. L. A. Crandall of Chicago and Dr. J. F. Elder of Albany read strong papers on the consolidation of Baptist national societies. The opinion obtained that the societies ought to work in closer harmony with the churches and with each other, but ought not to be consolidated. This live subject is again to be discussed in a public meeting of a national character to be held in Dr. Lorimer's church early in December. Dr. W. M. Lawrence of Chicago spoke on a substitute for the old-fashioned revival and Professor Thomas of Newton on The Function of Penalty in the Christian Religion. Rev. Frank Dixon of Hartford was one of the speakers on gambling, and it seemed to be the opinion that the practice is gaining ground. The theme, City Morality, was handled by Professor Terry of the University of Chicago and Chancellor Andrews of the University of Nebraska. The congress closed with a discussion of the Keswick

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principles, in which sympathy was shown with its teachings. This congress devotes itself entirely to discussion, not being concerned with any of the technical business of the denomination. It furnishes an excellent opportunity for the free and frank consideration of large topics like that of federation of missionary agencies, in regard to which there is as much interest in the Baptist body as in our own.

Colorado College— Its Work and Claims

Here's a delightful nine months' absence abroad for Pres. William F. Slocum of Colorado College, who sails for Italy and Greece from Boston, Nov. 27. If any man deserves a recreative period it is he, and he will put it to excellent use. During his absence the administration of the college will be in the competent hands of Prof. Edward S. Parsons, dean and vice-president. Colorado College has grown so rapidly the past few years that the demands upon President Slocum have been severe. He has seen the annual tuition receipts advance from \$637 to \$15,000, the endowment from less than nothing to \$400,000 and the student body from twenty-two to nearly 600. It has required constant vigilance and energy to provide the material facilities and the professorial staff requisite for such growth, and though Dr. Pearsons and other givers have been generous, there is still crying need at Colorado for an increase of means where-with to build the necessary structures and to meet the running expenses in an adequate fashion. Would it not be a just and splendid tribute to the appreciation by our denomination of the noble work which President Slocum has done at Colorado during the last twelve years, if during the next few months there should be a united effort on the part of all friends of the college to equip it amply? The capacity, *esprit de corps* and attainments of the students and the zeal and ability of the faculty were never so high. Nothing in all the Rocky Mountain region equals Colorado College as a force for high ideals and thoughtful, strenuous living.

Young Men and Their Relationships

The Young Men's Christian Association of this country has no thought of resting content on the achievements of the last half-century, many of which were brought to view at the recent Jubilee Convention in Boston. "Forward" seems to be their watchword, and the current number of their organ, *Association Men*, is largely given up to a forecast of the work still to be done and to words of in-

citement and encouragement from association leaders all over the country. Especially valuable to any one interested in the Christian welfare of young men is the study of general conditions prevalent among them. Under the guidance of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington and in co-operation with local and county association secretaries, a special investigation of the affiliations and habits of young men over an extended territory was made. It was found that sixty-six per cent. of the young men of the United States are unmarried, fifty-five per cent. live at home, while forty-five per cent. are boarding; fifteen per cent. are in business for themselves, while eighty-five per cent. are employed by others; twenty-two per cent. belong to fraternal orders, in which category churches are included. In the country one young man in two goes to church regularly; in the city one in four regularly.

The Land Yet to be Possessed

Such statistics as these are far more significant than the random guesses of platform orators. We are glad, too, to have a definition of that vague term, "young men." In these investigations it was limited to men between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five. The figures plainly prove that there is a vast field yet to be occupied, and no wonder the association is pushing forward vigorously with its railroad, student and general work. Every ten days a new building is added to the material equipment of the organization, and yet there are still 500 cities of 4,000 population upward and an aggregate population of 800,000 young men in which there is no organization. Surely the opportunities are such that prayer ought to be offered not only once a year, as during the recent special week, but constantly in behalf of the myriad of young men in this country and the special work in their behalf.

No Patent on the Lord's Supper

Dr. Winchester Donald, rector of Trinity Church, Boston, was reported as saying at the Episcopal General Convention that it is not necessary for a man to be ordained to the ministry in order that he may administer the Lord's Supper. Dr. Donald has been so much criticised for this remark that he has thought it wise to explain his meaning. He meant to say, and no doubt did say, that he did not believe ordination according to the rites of the Episcopal Church was necessary in order to prove the validity of the Lord's Supper. In other words, he believes that the service of the Holy Com-

munion in other denominations than his own is genuine on the part of those who partake and is approved by our Lord with whom they hold communion. It does not require a great effort of faith in Christ or one's fellow-believers, nor an unusual stretch of charity for a Christian to admit this much. It was to be expected that a man of Dr. Donald's breadth would believe this and frankly say it. But the incident brings to notice the fact that there are still those who insist that the sect to which they belong holds the exclusive patent rights on the means of communion with God. In this country their opinion matters little to any except themselves. We have no doubt but that they are only a minority in the Episcopal Church, but the absurdity of their claim helps us to understand the irritation of Free Churchmen in England, where the assumptions of Episcopalians to possess exclusive rights in relations with God are supported by the state in its laws, in obligations imposed on all its subjects to acknowledge these rights, and in privileges and emoluments given to the clergy of the Anglican Church.

Anglicans Recognizing Dissenters

Canon Henson of Westminster, preaching at the University of Cambridge recently, boldly attacked the absurd attitude of the Anglican Church toward Nonconformists. He told how he studied the books of Nonconformists, like Ramsay, George Adam Smith, Fairbairn, Bruce, as well as those of scholars of the Anglican Church, all united in "the sacred fellowship of sacred science," and how in his devotions "Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, Nonconformist were reconciled easily enough in the privacy of prayer and meditation." Moreover, the most Christlike people he ever knew, and to whom he owed the most spiritually, were not Anglicans. And yet, as the rules of the Anglican Church now stand, "only in the sanctuary itself was the hideous discovery vouchsafed that they [the men whose books he read, whose prayers he used, whose characters he revered] were outcasts from fellowship." To the reply that doctrinal differences made the ostracism necessary, the canon pointed out that there were doctrinal differences within the Anglican Church now far more divisive on essentials of religion. Canon Henson doubtless spoke what many another man in the Anglican Church thinks. His words are a hopeful sign of the times.

Mormon Propaganda

A Mormon presiding elder and fourteen assistants are zealously at work in New England, laboring most in the rural districts and winning converts one by one, who are sent West. In Japan recent efforts of Mormon missionaries to gain a foothold there have called forth letters of sharp dissent from other Christians, who insist that before the Japanese government tolerates the new propaganda it inquire searchingly into the disposition of the Mormon emissaries to teach that polygamy is a divinely-sanctioned custom. The *Japan Mail* throws its influence into the scale through an edito-

rial, in which it insists that the government can do no less than to compel the Mormon missionaries to go on record on this matter, leaving it to be inferred that if later they are found to be doing what they quite likely will swear they will not do, then they can be proceeded against as occasion would seem to demand.

Mr. Mott's Fruitful Meetings in Japan

When John R. Mott, the working head of the World's Christian Student Federation, started last August for another extended foreign trip his principal purpose was to acquaint himself more thoroughly with conditions affecting work among young men in all parts of the world and to advise with the different Y. M. C. A. secretaries scattered over the Orient. At the same time he cherished an earnest desire to make the journey profitable in the way of direct evangelism. The success in this respect with which he has already met is noteworthy, particularly in Japan. He began in Sendai, and during meetings lasting three days 140 young men declared their purpose to become Christians. A four days' conference of workers held in the capital city, Tokyo, was attended by about 125 from different parts of the empire, and all were moved to greater efforts and consecration. During a two days' visit to Kyoto, the center of one of the American Board's fields and the seat of the Doshisha University, 173 young men declared their intention to follow Christ; fifty of them were from the Doshisha and the others from the various institutions of learning in the city. Great audiences greeted Mr. Mott at Osaka, where the first night 130 students stood for Christ. At Okayama the church was packed with an audience of 800 and as many as 200 were at the windows. Four-fifths of the company stayed to a second meeting, and 209 young men decided for Christ. These results in connection with the advance movement for Japan are giving great encouragement to the Christian workers in the empire. Mr. Mott was extended the exceptional privilege of addressing the students of the Imperial University and in two of the government high schools. He is now in China and goes thence to India, returning to this country in season to preside at the fourth quadrennial conference of the Student Volunteer Movement in Toronto, Feb. 26 to March 2, 1902. The success of this gifted yet humble college evangelist in every country where he addresses young men means much for the kingdom of God. May he long be spared, not only to direct the student movement, but to participate actively in it.

One Hundred Years with a Great Newspaper

The *New York Evening Post* was founded in 1801 by a little group of Federalists, in which Alexander Hamilton was the central figure. The choice of name was an expression of satire, for a paper called the *Post* had been founded by the Democrats and had failed a little while before. Hamilton's *Post*, edited by his friend, William Coleman, has had its ups and downs, but it has never been otherwise than influential in the life of America.

For many years it was under the charge of William Cullen Bryant; at present its editor-in-chief is Horace White. No paper in the land could send out a hundredth anniversary number with contributions and congratulations from so many people of mark in American life. The illustrated supplement puts side by side pictures of New York in 1848 and 1901, and the contrast is hardly greater than that between the facsimile of the first issue of the paper in 1801 and the regular issue for its hundredth birthday. The *Post* stands today, as it has always stood, for honesty of purpose and high ideals of practical statesmanship and criticism. We have not always agreed with it—we do not always agree with it today—but we weigh its opinions as we do those of few of our contemporaries. We all have reason to be proud of its history and glad that it stands prosperously as the representative of great causes—notably of that cause of honesty and impartiality in the civil service with which it has been so honorably identified. We congratulate its editors upon the manifest recent decrease in that acerbity of tone and lack of sympathy with the lives and methods of thought of uncultivated men which long hindered its usefulness and made its help in municipal politics of very doubtful advantage to the cause of reform. With some allowance for prejudice, its reviews of literature and art are quite the most helpful we possess. The success of such a daily paper, with its high ideals of news selection and comment upon life, is both stimulus and encouragement to all the rest. The feeling of the leaders of the better American life toward the paper was well expressed by an invitation to its editors for a luncheon on the anniversary, at which Abram S. Hewitt presided and speeches were made by prominent lawyers, educators, business men and ecclesiastics.

A Civil Service Based on Merit

One of the first appointments by President Roosevelt that revealed his abiding interest in civil service reform was that of Mr. William D. Foulke of Indiana as one of the members of the national civil service commission. Mr. Foulke was sworn in last week, and will at once set to work bracing up that important body to hearty co-operation with the President in carrying out the policy to which, by all his past record and by his recent avowals, he is committed. Last week a delegation of friends of civil service reform waited on the President and asked for a statement of his intentions respecting the service in Porto Rico, the Philippines and other outlying possessions. To Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, the spokesman, he replied unequivocally, pledging that the principle of merit would be applied everywhere that executive power of appointment goes, whether in the army, navy, or in civilian appointments. This was to be expected, but the formal announcement will bring comfort to many who have distrusted Mr. Roosevelt and the policy of expansion, which, from the first, he has welcomed, not simply tolerated. Through Secretary of War Root the President also has let it be known emphatically, by an informal but none the less positive declaration,

that the time has come for army officers to cease using political and social influence in trying to gain appointments. Merit, and merit alone, is to count hereafter, if the President has his way.

Mayor-elect Low of Greater New York, at a banquet given by the City Club to him last week, declared the broad outlines of policy which he intends to follow as head of the municipal government. He rejoices that New York has said to all other cities for their emulation, "We decline longer to be a pawn in the game of national or state politics." He relies for the success of his administration, not on patronage, however skillfully disposed, but on the usefulness of the administration from top to bottom. Hence at the outset he declares that no organization or man has any claim on him for any position. "The city's interest is the sole consideration that can be allowed to decide," he says. He believes that a cosmopolitan city must have a cosmopolitan administration, and he will make appointments with the idea of giving adequate recognition to all the races and religions which are represented in the population. In harmony with his avowed policy, Mr. Low has announced that his first nomination after he is sworn in Jan. 1 will be that of Mr. George L. Rives, first assistant secretary of state during the last Cleveland administration and president of the commission appointed to revise the charter of New York city, to be corporation counsel, that is, legal adviser of the city. Mr. Rives, who will accept the post, is a man of highest character and attainments, whose knowledge of municipal problems is wide and deep. It is an appointment which gives much satisfaction, and shows that men of the right sort are willing to make sacrifices if thereby the city may be redeemed.

The Excise Law and Sunday Observance in New York Judge Jerome, who becomes district attorney of New York County, Jan. 1, has the reputation of accomplishing what he sets out to do, so, when he says that he shall use his influence to obtain a repeal of the Raines Law and secure the enactment of another excise law which will allow the opening of saloons on certain hours of Sunday, his words command attention. It is indisputable that the present excise law is far from satisfactory to New York. The chief results are the swelling of liquor taxes, most of the proceeds of which go to Albany, and the multiplication of houses of assignation under the name of "Raines Law hotels." The proposition to make Sunday opening legal, however, has aroused great opposition. Many ministers have commented on the plan, and most of them oppose it. Dr. Hillis says he would personally favor some plan that would tax the saloons out of existence, but that under present conditions he supposes the adoption of the German idea of keeping saloons open Sunday afternoons would be most practicable. "Almost anything would be an improvement on the Raines Law," said he, "with its train of bogus hotels and immoralities. It is nothing more than

an instrument of blackmail and vice, and, opposed as I am to Sunday opening, if these evils can be removed by concessions to the drinking element the experiment, I fancy, might be worth trying." Dr. Parkhurst says that we have had a maximum of law and a minimum of enforcement and doubts the expediency of making more experiments. "I hate the American saloon," said he, "but I do not see how we can abolish it. If we cannot have things as we like them, we must come as near it as we can, and I hope we shall have legislation that will permit the sale of beer and light wines on certain hours of Sunday."

A Referendum The sentiments of many reformers are like those above quoted. Sunday saloon opening is to be avoided if possible, but that a law that will permit it may be worth trying, if only it will end the present system, is the belief of many. It is to be noted that so prominent a prohibitionist as Rev. Dr. I. K. Funk, well known by reason of his former connection with *The Voice*, has stated in a letter to the *Sun* that he would be satisfied to let the issue be decided by local option, ward option preferably. It is apparent that Mayor Low intends to stand for the principle of home rule, and it would not be surprising if the solution of this particular problem were a referendum, an appeal to the people, in which, after full debate of all the pros and cons, the cosmopolitan community could put itself on record one way or the other. Whatever the decision, the outcome would be accepted with more grace than will imposition of a policy by the state legislature and up-country legislators.

A New Canal Treaty Secretary of State Hay and Lord Pauncefoot, acting for the United States and Great Britain, signed a treaty on the 18th, which, when ratified by the Senate, as it unquestionably will be, will go far toward making the way smooth for all further consideration of the construction, management and defense of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama. The choice of route is still to be made and the method of financing the canal's construction. But by this new treaty it is settled beyond peradventure that it is to be an American canal, which we control in peace and in war, which we have the right to defend with fortifications or by ships. Such, of course, would be the practical policy of any administration in time of exigency. But now it is formally admitted by Great Britain. Technically and formally the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty of 1850 is superseded. The United States becomes the sole guarantor of the neutrality of the canal. Compared with the treaty which the Senate rejected last year, the treaty is a distinct gain for American diplomacy. Great Britain has given way, and the comment of the English press on that fact is so pacific as to show that Lord Lansdowne has correctly sensed the point of view of the British elector and merchant, who have everything to gain commercially by the construction of the canal and least to lose in time of war by our control.

Turkish Complications The pressure from France on Turkey seems to have had a wholesome effect, as we predicted it would. Both Great Britain and Austria have collected long-standing claims during the past week. Reports from Beirut, as yet meager and lacking in detail, tell of fierce fighting there between Mohammedans and Christians. Erzroom, where one of the flourishing missions of the American Board is stationed, has just suffered from an earthquake, which Rev. R. S. Stapleton, one of the missionaries, in a cable to the *New York Tribune*, thus describes:

One thousand houses were destroyed and fifteen hundred damaged. It is known that several were killed. Fifteen thousand people who have been driven to huts for shelter are in need of immediate relief. The winter is coming in severe. Contributions can be remitted to the American Bible House, Constantinople. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars are needed for immediate relief.

This appeal for aid demands attention from the American Christian public. Erzroom is one of the most ancient cities of the East. It is the principal city of Armenia. Mr. Stapleton's responsibilities, already heavy owing to the peculiar difficulties of the field, will now be great. Let him have generous support.

Anti-federalism in Federated Australia It is noteworthy that the first result of the first session's work of the Parliament of the Australian commonwealth has been to provoke a strong outburst of anti-federal feeling. The Parliament has in hand, and will doubtless pass, a measure to expel within five years all "Kanakas" laborers from Queensland. The Kanakas are employed in the cane-fields of northern Queensland. The merchants and planters declare that it means the extinction of the sugar industry in that part. Whether it does or not, the labor party is determined the colored man shall go. Mr. Phelps, the Queensland premier, in commenting on the action of the federal government, said that "he did not advise civil war," but the bill must be fought by every constitutional means. If a bill to federate the Australian states came before Queensland today, it is doubtful whether it would pass. If such a bill could come before New South Wales there is no doubt about the result. It would be decisively rejected. This is due to the character of the commonwealth tariff recently promulgated. While free trade between the states is secured, there is a tariff which will mean an increase of from thirty to forty per cent in the cost of living to the inhabitant of New South Wales. Not so long ago the several states ("colonies" they were then called) went their ways, and had very faint federal feelings, mixed with more or less provincial jealousies. Now the anti-federal feeling is fairly boiling. New Zealand, too, though not in the federation, shares in the feeling. This is because some of the duties in the commonwealth tariff are prohibitive of New Zealand produce.

A White Australia The Australian working man is bent on having "a white Australia"; and he is getting his way in the commonwealth Parlia-

ment. Colored people are to be excluded by an Anti-immigration Bill. To avoid international complications, colored persons are not to be excluded *as such*. The undesired immigrant is to be put through an educational test by a customs officer, who will be careful to choose one which it will be impossible for the colored person to pass. This hypocritical device has been resorted to with Mr. Chamberlain's concurrence, in order not to appear formally to exclude British subjects (like Hindus) or friendly nations (like the Japanese). Another indication of the feeling of the "labor" party in regard to colored visitors is seen in a clause which their Parliamentary representatives managed to get inserted in the Postal Bill. This clause prohibits the employment of colored seamen on the mail steamers plying between England and Australia. This has been described as an attempt to secure, not a white Australia, but "a white universe."

The Case of Miss Stone

The *Springfield Republican* rightly says that "the long delay in accomplishing the rescue of Miss Stone is injuring the prestige of the United States in all parts of the world. . . . The ransom policy must succeed in its immediate object in order to be justified." So much for the situation viewed from the standpoint of national prestige. Viewed from the standpoint of Miss Stone, her comfort and peace of mind, the delay and failure are also deplorable. Where rests most of the blame—with the Bulgarian government, with the captors, or with the United States' representatives on the ground?

One of the ablest and most experienced of American journalists, Mr. William E. Curtis of the *Chicago Record-Herald*, now in Europe engaged in studying its political and economic developments, has journeyed to Sofia especially to study this question, and, with customary speed and thoroughness, has sent to his journal cable messages and letters relative to the situation, which surpass, in their frank discussion of the case, those received elsewhere in this country either by newspapers or by private persons. For there are reasons for thinking that the Bulgarian government has so suppressed most of the mail of Americans resident in Bulgaria as to make it difficult for us to know through ordinary channels of information just what has been happening there.

Mr. Curtis places all the responsibility for the delay in rescuing Miss Stone upon the consul-general of the United States in Constantinople, Mr. C. M. Dickinson, who, by orders from Washington, was sent up to Sofia to handle the case. Mr. Curtis thus describes him: "Mr. Dickinson was formerly editor of the *Binghamton* (N. Y.) *Times*. He is a gentleman of ability, integrity and high character, but speaks no other language than his own, is entirely without experience in diplomatic affairs, but has sufficient self-confidence to decline the advice and co-operation of his colleagues in the diplomatic corps. He admits no one to his confidence, and is conducting matters here as he would have done in Binghamton." Details are given by Mr. Curtis to buttress this general indictment, details as

to how offers of aid from the Russian minister in Sofia were rendered unavailing by Mr. Dickinson's suspicion of the Russian's good faith and his virtual insult to the Slavic diplomat, who, as representative of Russia, really holds Bulgaria in his hand; as to how Mr. Dickinson's lack of *finesse* has made it impossible for him to get in touch with the bandits, etc. Mr. Curtis's final statement is that "Miss Stone might have been rescued long ago if Mr. Dickinson had gone to Bansko or Samakov and used a few thousand dollars in a judicious manner." Mr. Curtis quotes the missionary body in Bulgaria, with whom it is patent he has had much intercourse and from whom he has derived much that he knows and believes, as almost unanimously opposed to the payment of ransom, and he quotes one of them as saying, "God would prefer Miss Stone to perish of hunger in the mountains rather than endanger the lives of his servants elsewhere," so strongly does this particular person feel that the payment of a ransom will encourage blackmail and abduction of missionaries in semi-civilized Europe and Asia.

We hope that later reports from Sofia will put this matter in a better light. But we have not felt justified in withholding longer from our constituency, so deeply interested in this case, this opinion of Mr. Curtis.

If he proves to have been correct in his report of the situation as he finds it, we shall have renewed reason as Americans for laboring for such an attitude on the part of the national Executive and legislature as will put an end to the *régime* under which consular and diplomatic offices are filled by men with little or no training for the work. It is futile for the United States to expect to be a world power in diplomacy unless it trains its diplomats as it does its soldiers and sailors, or its most responsible civilian administrators at home.

Fumbling

When the future historian comes to the study of present day conditions of life in America and reads the newspapers of November, he will be interested to observe the prominence of college football. From the under-graduate point of view it is the king of sports. In its American-Rugby form it is played only by amateurs. Yet the daily papers give up to the record of its games and the preparation for its games—to the daily doings or undoings by fracture, bruise or sprain—of little groups of boys from eighteen to twenty-two, more space than they spare to all the purely intellectual activities of 75,000,000 of people.

Great is the triumph of the heavy-haired youth in padded garments—and correspondingly heinous is his besetting sin of fumbling. The ball is tossed to him out of the central pile of players. If he catches and holds it, he may have a chance of advancing it toward the goal by running, hurdling or bucking the line. If he fumbles and drops it the enemy breaking through may carry it beyond him to victory. "The eleven are fumbling badly," is a word of discouragement to budding academic hopes. "The game

was lost by a fumble," is a deathblow to a player's reputation.

The oval ball is punted out of danger. Ten thousand witnesses hold their breath as it sails above the heads of the players. An eighteen-year-old lad awaits its coming. He holds it, and five thousand voices shout their praise. He fumbles, the ball drops to the ground, a wily foe seizes it, and the other five thousand are yelling their applause.

Alas for the fumbler! Are we not all surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, more patient and kindly, but not less concerned, than these ten thousand who follow the playing of the shock-haired lads? Does not the immediate fate of our cause, which we must never forget is our Lord's cause also, depend upon our courage and our grip upon the present opportunity? How often does a fumble mar our game! How many lost opportunities go into the hands of enemies. How much we need to pray, in wholly modern and yet wholly reverent phrase, Lord, make us good players of this wondrous game of life. Train us to courage, cheerfulness, tenacity, endurance. Save us from panic and from carelessness. When opportunity comes our way suffer us not to fumble, lest thy cause should suffer wrong.

Think what man's fumbling in the opportunity of parenthood has cost the church in the alienation of its children. How often has a pastor's lack of courage and tenacity paralyzed the efficiency of a church. Remember what fumbler many Christians are when the opportunity of witness bearing comes their way. Consider how faith in the conclusions of the past has made us faithless in considering lessons of present light and truth. Verily, if God were not behind our most unskillful playing, our cause must long ago have failed and our reputation ended with the cloud of witnesses who watch the game.

Vast Railroad Consolidation

By the payment of a fee of \$80,000 to the State of New Jersey a company called the Northern Securities Company came legally into existence last week. This company has a capital of \$400,000,000. It has power to acquire, control and dispose of the capital stock of such corporations as its directors may decide later to absorb. Its main purpose, however, is the absorption of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Railroads. The ulterior explanation of the movement is that an understanding had been gained by which the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads, controlled by a syndicate with Mr. Harriman as its head, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Roads, controlled by Mr. J. J. Hill, and the Burlington Road, which had been the bone of contention between the two forces—roads with a total mileage of 34,000 miles and practically controlling the traffic west of the Mississippi River—come together, to work hereafter, not as hitherto in rivalry, but in harmony.

In brief, another chapter has been writ large in a vastly significant economic movement, which is swiftly putting the control of transportation in this country into the hands of very few men and making far easier and more probable than

any one would have dared to predict ten years ago the step which logically follows, namely, governmental control and ownership.

This outcome we may all hope to be delivered from until the principle of a civil service based on merit is more firmly entrenched in our administrative system. As usual in affairs of such magnitude Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan acted as mediator between the warring Harriman and Hill interests, and brought order and profit out of what seemed last May as likely to turn into the fiercest sort of war and do much damage to corporate interests. To the stockholders and employees of the roads the new combination can bring little but gain and that of a most substantial kind. Such likewise presumably will be the outcome for the people resident in the section of the country affected, and the country at large, for that matter, for the equalization of rates on so large a percentage of the railroads of the country cannot but have a steadying effect on the transportation business everywhere. If along with the vast new power there goes a commensurate sense of responsibility, ethical and political, and if the combination exercises restraint and does not grow "heady," it probably will escape interference on the part of Federal or state legislators. But it must walk a narrow road. Already litigation is in sight. Governor Van Sant of Minnesota, the state perhaps most vitally interested in the consolidation of the two great northern systems, announces that he will instruct the attorney-general of the state to proceed against the combination, he claiming that the charters of the roads safeguard competition and oppose monopoly.

The Thanksgiving that Counts

There is a story of a stingy Scotch laird, who tossed a crown, thinking it a penny, into the plate at the church door. Seeing its white and precious face he asked to have it back. The doorkeeper, Jeems, refused. "A weel, a weel," he grunted, "I'll get credit for it in heaven." "Na, na," said Jeems, "ye'll get credit for the penny."

The truth embodied in the doorkeeper's racy rejoinder is the familiar one, that only those gifts are acceptable in heaven which are from the heart. As a man is defiled by the things which come from the heart, by them also is he blessed. As he thinketh in his heart so is he, and from the heart comes the thanksgiving that counts. Thankfulness is a duty. If rightly fulfilled it has power in two directions; it is pleasing in the sight of God; it blesses ourselves and our fellow-men. To eat a heartier dinner than usual is not necessarily the sign of a truly thankful spirit. Most happy is it to participate in the joy of the family reunion, but the full blessing is missed unless there is the reverent recognition of the divine goodness in the family life. It is when in our thought we count our blessings as divine mercies, and by our faithful obedience strive to transform them into permanent spiritual forces, that our giving thanks has power with God and man.

The true spirit of Thanksgiving has in

it the secret of contentment. To be able to give thanks aright shows true spiritual insight. We incline too much to think upon outward things, and we are dull of vision to the spiritual values of our experiences. Not a few this season feel themselves outside the fold of rejoicing. The Lord hath dealt hardly with them they think. They have had losses. Misfortunes have come upon them. Perhaps there is a vacant chair in the home circle. But these have not been forgotten or forsaken. They may have the profoundest reason for thankfulness.

The choicest blessings are those which urge us on in the pathway to heavenly love and holiness. Life itself is good only as it leads to God. "Pray moderately for the lives of God's people," said a wise saint. Give thanks moderately for all outward blessings, but pour out the heart in sincere gratitude for the vision of God and for growth in Christlikeness.

In Brief

Rev. Dr. S. P. Cadman is reported as saying to the Woman's Home Missionary Union of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, that "Congregationalism has been overfed and underworked."

Bishop Doane is authority for the statement that the recent pastoral letter of the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church has fallen "into a widespread and disconcerting contempt"; and the *Churchman* does not hesitate to criticize the same document for the inadequate way in which it deals with the problems raised by higher criticism of the Bible.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst's epigrammatic way of summing up the New York city situation is: "On election day the watchers watched the electors, and now the electors must watch the elect." He, it is apparent from his article in *The Christian Work*, distrusts somewhat Mayor Low's freedom to act apart from the wishes of "Boss" Platt.

At a recent fashionable wedding in England, in a church brilliant with light and gorgeous decorations and costumes, Newman's hymn was sung, "Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom," and some of the newspapers are making fun of it. But we have known fashionable weddings to open into after experiences that before long gave especial appropriateness to this hymn.

The President's best message thus far was the one he delivered before he became the President. It was the one on the Bible, and it has already been translated into several languages. It is being circulated as a leaflet in Mexico and the Argentine Republic, and will help the people in those countries to understand the estimate put on the Holy Scriptures by the head of the United States.

Among the saints still to be rewarded are those presiding officers who on occasion put themselves under severe obligation to suspend their sense of the incongruous. At a church election the other day the chairman was proceeding to read the list of officers whose terms of service were ending. He found the names, his own among them, under the type-written caption, "present incumbences."

Dr. Hillis spoke a timely word in Plymouth Church last Sunday apropos of Thanksgiving. In an address upon The Ideal Home he urged that the elders in his congregation welcome to their boyless homes the homeless boys of the church, to whom Thanksgiving Day would offer little in the way of a real blessing without a suggestion of the old-time

festivity. The hint will apply to many homes and youths throughout the land.

The manager of the American Book and Bible House in St. Louis, summoned as a juror in a case in which a negress was to be the defendant, stated last week when examined by the judge that he did not believe that a negress was a human being, and that he did not believe that she had the same rights that a white man has. The judge excused the man from jury service. Shall the state surpass the society which distributes the Bible?

An English bishop says that recently he came upon a Highlander in Scotland who is several miles from neighbors, and must spend the winter months alone. The bishop offered to send him some magazines, but he replied, "I have no wish for light stuff such as that; but, sir, could you get me a copy of the sermons of Jonathan Edwards?" We do not suppose that this story will move any publisher to issue a new edition of Edwards's works.

One hundred years ago the most prominent advertisement in the first issue of the *New York Evening Post* was that of a lottery scheme for the purpose of improving the navigation of the upper Hudson. The tickets were \$6 each and the chance of any prize less than one-third. By contrast the securities listed in the financial column were only ten, and only a single broker advertised. Perhaps the passion for gambling has not departed with the suppression of lotteries, but has merely been transferred to another field.

When a man is prospering in business he wears more new clothes than when he is barely making both ends meet. The sort of times that prevail in the Interior and West now may be inferred from the statement, made on good authority, that four hundred thousand winter overcoats of high grade have been made and sold by Chicago wholesale clothing houses during the past two months, and the orders are still pouring in at a rate which the cloth mills cannot keep pace with. Boreas will be less deadly this winter, and Eastern sneak thieves will migrate West.

It is a relief to snatch even a bit of laughter out of the grim sadness of the Boer War. It is supplied, of course, by the Irish, who have a genius for witty, if incongruous, inventions. They propose to offer Mr. Kruger, who is now by King Edward's own proclamation a subject of the empire, a safe seat in the British Parliament. The idea is delightful. Imagine Oom Paul on the opposition benches glaring at Chamberlain, or asking questions about the conduct of the war, or insisting on his right to abuse the government in broad Taal! We only fear that Mr. Kruger's defective sense of humor will spoil the situation.

Complaint is so frequent regarding the indifference of churches to pastors and lack of appreciation, even of long years of service, that it is a joy to point out instances where pastors are accorded handsome treatment. These are not altogether rare. Yet we have seldom known a case of so great eagerness to signify love and admiration for a pastor as the church in Florence, Mass., has signified in connection with the retirement of Mr. Cobb, who was dismissed last week after thirty-five years' service. On the letter-missive summoning the council the church printed opposite the list of churches and persons invited its own admirable resolutions reluctantly accepting his resignation. Why is not this an excellent precedent for other churches calling dismissing councils? It gives the men invited an insight into the situation concerning which they are called upon to advise. Another unusual attention on the part of the church was the serving of a luncheon at noon, an hour before the council was asked to convene. We like to see a church honoring its minister in this prompt and straightforward way.

Washington Happenings

By Lillian Camp Whittlesey

This has been a shadowed home coming to Washingtonians. Less than a month ago the dropped flags and the tokens of mourning were on every hand, and we are not yet accustomed to the thought that President McKinley, honored and beloved here as nowhere else outside of his own state, will return no more. The charm and power of the life, the Christ-like spirit of the death still draw the people together in memorial services. Last week, at one of the large school buildings, Dr. Bristol spoke from a full heart to boys and girls, who will never forget the incidents he told, revealing the courtesy, sincerity and goodness of the late President. The Washington Commandery of the Loyal Legion, of which he was the most honored comrade, devoted their first meeting to his memory. "It was like a prayer meeting," said one who was there. "No silent toasts, for there was nothing to eat or to drink, but army officers paying tearful tribute to his Christianity, a quartet rendering exquisite anthems, and the entire commandery singing together the hymns now known as McKinley's." The farewell words, "Good-by all," were referred to as indicative of the man who thought of everybody and wished no one slighted. The speaker said, "I feel myself included in that message." He also stated that he had learned from one of the officials at the White House that they were the final words spoken to the household when President and Mrs. McKinley left them for the last time in July.

At the White House

With a century's growth of historic associations clustering about it, it is evident that for sentimental reasons the White House must remain very much as it is, while for sanitary considerations it is equally plain that a suitable residence should be provided for the President of the United States. Two bedrooms for servants have recently been constructed in the attic, but the Executive Mansion, planned more than one hundred years ago, does not afford guest rooms for the present occupant, and is wholly inadequate for the great social functions during the season. The annual house-cleaning, which usually comprises an overhauling of the lighting, heating and ventilating, always includes the cleaning of the three huge chandeliers in the East Room. Each of these is made up of 5,056 pieces, many of them cut glass. These are taken off singly, washed and polished and put together again by expert workmen, who have had the handling of the shining prisms for years.

President Roosevelt shows his youth and vigor in the fact that through the fine crisp weather of the autumn he has had no heat in his offices. His anxious visitors, greeted with, "Delighted to meet you, see you in a moment," have found it a trifle chilly waiting about in the cool rooms, exposed to draughts from open windows. The city has unbounded confidence and admiration for President Roosevelt, and his administration promises to be courageous and brilliant, but

one of which predictions are valueless except that there will be a great deal to talk about.

Material Growth of the City

As Washington is an accurate gauge of the country's prosperity, its rapid development is not a surprising fact. The many apartment houses and tall business blocks are changing the sky line, the fine residences of the very wealthy, the long brick rows of comfortable new houses, the many trolley lines that make homes in the outlying suburbs accessible, and desirable, all tell of material advance. The seventy-one square miles of land and water which make up the area of the District is less than that of any of the states, but the census names six that are below us in population.

The commission, Messrs. D. H. Burnham, Charles W. McKim and F. L. Olmstead, appointed by the Senate to prepare plans for the extension and adornment of the capital, will submit their report early in the session. During the summer they have visited the principal cities of Europe, observing public works and studying landscape architecture. Some grand scheme of parks and boulevards and further harmony of public buildings and present streets and reservations will doubtless be the result. Fortunately, the present nucleus, with the Capitol building as the center, is excellent, and there is ample room in every direction to expand.

The Churches Responding to the General Advance

It may well be asked whether the churches follow or lead in this increasing life at the capital. It is certainly true that the Romanists are quick to see and seize strategic points. Their university has added a building or two within the year and a fine new church has been erected on Columbia Heights the past summer. The young and brilliant Father Stafford is now the priest at St. Patrick's and, it is rumored in the faculty of the university, is soon to be a cardinal. The Presbyterians have formed at least one new church, and as a denomination are more than holding their own. The beloved and saintly Dr. Sunderland has gone on, but his influence abides. Several church edifices among the various other denominations are in process of building.

Congregational Matters

Coming up, not down, to the Congregational, the fall meeting of the club, of which Dr. Merrill E. Gates is president, brought together at dinner 125, among them Mr. Justice Brewer, Prof. Isaac Clarke, Gen. E. Whittlesey and others fresh from the celebration of the bicentennial of their *alma mater*, with Assistant Secretary Hill of the Navy as the orator of the evening. His apt subject was The Influence of Universities upon National Life. His voice, rhetoric and subject matter combined in affording a delightful treat to appreciative hearers. Good music and fellowship greetings from Dr. Teunis Hamlin completed the program.

There has been a consolidation of two

congregations, the Lincoln Memorial and the University Park Temple, Pastor Brown and his people of the latter going over to the building of the former. Both of these enterprises were the results of mission work among the colored people years ago, and the University Park Temple now becomes the institutional plant of the united churches. Rev. Wallace Montgomery, a recent graduate of Chicago Seminary, is acting pastor of the Fifth Church.

Mt. Pleasant Fifteen Years Old

Mt. Pleasant has been happily celebrating its fifteenth anniversary in a week of varied exercises, during which representatives from different denominations were asked to share in its birthday rejoicings. A late article in the *Washington Post* by Mr. Henry Litchfield West, who is a member of the church and an editor, and therefore ought to know whereof he speaks, gives the membership, which began with nineteen, as 415, the Sunday school enrollment 400, the Men's Club 120. The present value of the property is \$45,000, the capacity of the auditorium, which will be the Sunday school room of the finished edifice, has been twice increased to meet the growth of the congregation, which numbers clergymen, physicians, scientists and other professional and business men, besides many people in official and departmental life, people, as Howell says, "who do something for the world." Large credit for the strength and influence of the church is rightly given to the enthusiasm and executive ability of Pastor M. Ross Fishburn, who has been its leader for the past seven years.

At the First

Dr. S. M. Newman returns from his able address before the National Council to his usual, which is in reality an unusual, work at the First Church. The great majority of the membership attend but the morning service, for the church is now a down-town church. But his illustrated evening talks draw an outside audience, limited only by the seating capacity of the great auditorium. This is without the usual musical attractions, as the placing of the large screen for the pictures prevents the attendance of the chorus choir. At eight o'clock the lights are turned off, the request is made that ladies remove their hats and a familiar hymn with tune are thrown upon the screen. The congregation joins heartily in the singing, led by Dr. Bischoff, who presides at the organ. This year the subject of the addresses is The Bible, Its Versions and Manuscripts. As one of the secretaries of the Egyptian Exploration Fund, Dr. Newman is intensely interested in diggings and findings in the far East. The photographs are shown and explained with the zest of a treasure seeker, but the thought is always carried from the material to the spiritual, from earth to heaven. At the end of an hour or more the great throng passes quietly out into the night, the echoes of old hymns following them.

A Thanksgiving Party

By Frances J. Delano

Georgiana's hands were clasped tightly in front of her and her feet, which barely touched the floor, were pressed close together to keep them from swinging. The minister was praying. It was a very, very long prayer, but Georgiana was determined to keep still and keep her eyes shut, for it was the last Sunday before Thanksgiving and she meant to be good.

"O Lord," prayed the minister, "comfort all those who are lonely at this time. Be with those, we pray thee, who must needs spend Thanksgiving Day alone, bereft of"—

Georgiana's eyes slowly opened and fixed themselves on the minister's uplifted face. She hadn't thought about people being all alone at Thanksgiving time—there was Miss Shields; Georgiana's eyes traveled from the minister's face and rested upon Miss Shields's bowed head. Did she feel badly to be alone at Thanksgiving? There was Mrs. Underwood, too, and Miss Raymond, and little Miss Dean, and dear old Mrs. Staples and Miss La Rose, and there was old Mr. Dane, who lost his wife last summer, and who couldn't come to church on account of the rheumatism—O my! Georgiana drew a long breath, did they all feel lonely? It seemed impossible, she was so very happy herself, and besides it was Thanksgiving. Could any one feel badly at Thanksgiving time?

Georgiana's eyes traveled quickly around the church again—she had forgotten her resolution. Miss Raymond was wiping her eyes with a folded handkerchief. Georgiana's determined little mouth began to droop at the corners and she wrinkled her brow. "She does feel bad," the words were almost spoken aloud, but the people were turning the leaves of their hymn-books now, so nobody heard.

Georgiana didn't keep very still during the sermon. She had to look at all the faces in back of her and at the backs of all who sat in front of her—and then she had to count on her fingers just how many people there were in the village who lived alone. After church there was a great question trembling on her lips. The people moved like snails down the two broad aisles of the church, but her mother and father were out on the street at last and Georgiana was ready with her question.

"Mother, why don't Mrs. Underwood and Miss Raymond and old Mr. Dane and Miss La Rose and Miss Shields and those spend the day with each other?"

Georgiana's mother, Mrs. Keen, stared. "What do you mean, child?" she asked.

"Thanksgiving Day, I mean."

"O!" exclaimed Georgiana's mother, and she picked her skirts up out of the slush.

"Why don't they, mother?" persisted Georgiana.

"I do wish, Georgiana, you wouldn't ask such foolish questions," and Mrs. Keen stepped up beside Georgiana's father and began to talk about the sermon.

There were plenty of people walking along behind and Georgiana stopped to

see who she should ask next. Miss Shields was just coming out of the church door. She was one of those who lived alone, and she knew most everything about people because she was a dress-maker. Georgiana ran back and took hold of her hand.

"Miss Shields," she began, "why don't you and old Mr. Dane and Miss La Rose and little Miss Dean and Mrs. Underwood and Miss Raymond and Old Lady Staples spend the day together, Thanksgiving?"

Miss Shields wanted to laugh when she heard the question, but she looked down at Georgiana just in the nick of time.

"Let's see," said Miss Shields, who was a quick-witted young lady, "whom did you say? Old Mr. Dane and Miss La Rose and"—

"Mrs. Underwood and Miss Ramsey and little Miss Dean and Old Lady Staples and you," repeated Georgiana.

Miss Shields bit her lips. "But Mr. Dane has the rheumatism," she said, "so he can't walk. Miss La Rose never eats with common people, you know, and little Miss Dean never partakes of food outside of her own house. Mrs. Underwood and Miss Raymond are not on speaking terms, and as for me"—

"But," interrupted Georgiana, "it'll be Thanksgiving, you know."

"That's true," admitted Miss Shields, promptly, who, although she hadn't an original mind herself, could easily follow another's lead.

"I don't believe Mr. Dane would mind about the rheumatism on Thanksgiving Day. I had a sore throat last year and I didn't remember it a bit when Thanksgiving came."

"I believe you," said Miss Shields, respectfully.

"And Mrs. Underwood and Miss Raymond would speak to each other on Thanksgiving, wouldn't they?"

There was a challenge in Georgiana's eyes, and Miss Shields declared that, for aught she knew, the two ladies would embrace each other on that day. "And little Miss Dean! Why, she'd be so glad to have a place to go to and spend Thanksgiving, wouldn't she?" demanded Georgiana.

Miss Shields shook her head dubiously; then, glancing down at Georgiana, she changed her mind. "Why, yes," she said, "it's possible she would."

Georgiana was springing on ahead now, spattering the slush to right and left. "It'll be Thanksgiving!" she cried, "and everything'll seem different"; then she stopped suddenly to inquire a little into details. "Which one's house do you think you'd all better spend the day at?" she asked earnestly.

Miss Shields smiled—it was all so ridiculous; and yet—"Well, I should think," she said aloud, "that the house where there was a large dining-room would be the proper place."

"Miss La Rose's house," exclaimed Georgiana, clapping her hands.

Then Miss Shields did give way and laugh. Miss La Rose was the one high-

born lady in the village and exceedingly high born she was too. The people, all save, perhaps, Miss Shields, who was not a native of the village, and Georgiana, whose mind, of course, was quite untrained, regarded Miss La Rose with much awe. "Do you think she'd have us?" inquired Miss Shields, as soon as she could get her breath.

"Of course," cried Georgiana, "she's all alone and it'll be Thanksgiving."

"Sure enough," said humbled Miss Shields. "It'll be Thanksgiving, and we'll spend the day with Miss La Rose. Shall we ask her to provide our dinner, or shall each one of us contribute something?"

Georgiana had taken it for granted that each one would bring the dinner that they had intended to eat alone.

"Wouldn't it be a good plan," suggested Miss Shields, recklessly, "for each one of us to contribute something and cook the dinner together in Miss La Rose's kitchen?"

Georgiana clapped her hands. "Mr. Dane can bring vegetables 'cause he has such a lot," she cried, "and old Mrs. Staples can make the plum pudding—she makes nice ones, I've tasted 'em—and Mrs. Underwood can bring cranberry sauce, and who'll bring the turkey?"

Miss Shields was ready with suggestions now, and when the two parted at the corner all the arrangements were made.

"There isn't a thing more to do," cried Georgiana, "except just to see Miss La Rose and the rest, and then it'll be only three days to Thanksgiving," and she danced away, while Miss Shields stood and gazed admiringly after her until she was out of sight.

It was strange the way Miss La Rose sat and listened to Georgiana the next forenoon. Georgiana was in such a hurry to talk that she kept catching her breath every few minutes. Miss La Rose didn't open her mouth to speak, but all sorts of things came into her eyes. At first she looked surprised, then angry, then exceedingly haughty. After a while she burst out laughing, then she seemed interested and finally pleased, and Georgiana swung her feet and caught her breath and went right on talking through everything. It all ended just as Georgiana supposed it would, and Miss La Rose invited not only Miss Shields and old Mr. Dane and the others, but she included Georgiana also. Georgiana admitted that she sometimes played she lived alone, and she would play that way on Thanksgiving Day and come to the party.

The next person Georgiana saw was old Mr. Dane. Georgiana was fond of calling on Mr. Dane, for, although he had seventy years the start of her, he didn't mind dropping the whole seventy and beginning even with Georgiana. Of course the Thanksgiving party was hailed with delight, and such a thing as rheumatism was not so much as mentioned between them.

Old Lady Staples fairly chuckled when

she received her invitation. She had made many a plum pudding, for she had brought up a family and a grand family besides, but they were all married and gone, and there was no one left to praise her puddings.

Little Miss Dean was a difficult matter. She said it wasn't her custom to eat in other people's houses—furthermore roast turkey gave her the heartburn. She couldn't eat squash pie, apple sauce cooked with sugar soured on her stomach, and as for plum pudding, she believed it would certainly kill her. To be sure, she didn't like to refuse an invitation coming from Miss La Rose and if she might be allowed to come and bring her own dinner, and if the weather should prove pleasant. But Georgiana declared

it was Thanksgiving and people could eat anything on Thanksgiving. She had tried it herself and it came true—and wouldn't little Miss Dean come and just try and see. The weather, of course, would be all right. And little Miss Dean promised to come.

As for Mrs. Underwood and Miss Raymond, they both declared they'd be pleased to come and do their part. Each one said that the fence was all down on her side, and so Georgiana asked them to get the turkey together and then they had a good excuse to make up and speak to each other.

Well! it was a wonderful Thanksgiving party. Miss La Rose was as gracious as a queen. Old Lady Staples chuckled the whole day. Little Miss Dean ate of every-

thing on the table. Mrs. Underwood urged Miss Raymond to have more squash pie and Miss Raymond put herself out to praise Neighbor Underwood's turkey dressing. Mr. Dane vowed he felt limber enough to dance the Virginia reel, and Miss Shields, who was the life of the party, took him at his word.

Such dancing as there was then in Miss La Rose's back parlor and such singing afterwards—all the old hymns and all the new ones and then the old ones over again until everybody's heart was glad. And such hand-shaking after all was over and wishing each other many happy returns of the day! "O, it was a wonderful party!" as Georgiana told her mother afterwards, "and all because it was Thanksgiving."

In and Around Chicago

The New Sunday School

So much interest has been awakened here in what is coming to be called the new Sunday school, that in addition to the time given to its discussion at the meeting of the Chicago Association ten days ago Rev. H. W. Gates of the seminary and Rev. J. S. Ainslie spoke upon it at the Ministers' Meeting, Nov. 11. Mr. Gates thinks that more emphasis has been laid upon the evangelistic purpose of the school than upon its teaching function, and that while the former should not be lost sight of at all, more effort should be made to bring up the Sunday school to a position where it may be favorably compared with the day school as a place where real instruction is imparted. This requires careful training of teachers, and text-books or lesson helps graded to the age and capacity of the pupils, and thorough enough to furnish, when mastered, at least a respectable knowledge of the Bible. Mr. Ainslie does not see how the average church can do much better with its material than it is now doing, and on the whole approves the International Lessons, which he believes can be taught intelligently and profitably even to young children. The sentiment of the ministers appears to favor graded lessons, of a decidedly different character for primary, intermediate and adult departments.

Chicago Commons and the Tabernacle

When the Commons assumed the management of the property of the old Tabernacle Church, whose title had been vested in the City Missionary Society, the agreement was that a place of worship and for all forms of church work should be furnished in the buildings to be erected and used by the Commons. The agreement has been faithfully carried out. The group of buildings now approaching completion has cost about \$65,000, and bears witness to the thoughtfulness and energy of Professor Taylor, who has secured the needed money. The especial work of the settlement is enlarging every month. Monday a council was called by the Tabernacle Church for the ordination and installation of Mr. James Mullenbach as associate pastor. Professor Taylor is pastor, although he serves without pay. Mr. Mullenbach has lived in North Dakota, where he learned the trade of a machinist. He studied at Fargo and graduated at the Chicago Seminary, where he won a fellowship which gave him two years in Germany. He has just returned to take up the work in this field. He is of German and Scotch-Irish descent, has a fine physique and a sympathy with working men, arising from the fact that he himself came from their ranks and knows their ways and wants.

His examination brought out his deep religious experience, his thorough acquaintance

with the Scriptures, the principles of theology, his firm evangelical faith and his joy in being permitted to enter the ministry. The sermon was by Dr. W. A. Bartlett of the First Church. Other parts were by Professors Taylor, W. B. Chamberlain, H. M. Scott, Rev. Messrs. Sidney Strong, J. W. Savage and H. C. Barnes.

Dr. Gunsaulus's Successor Installed

A large council, Nov. 12, installed Rev. Joseph Anthony Millburn as pastor of Plymouth Church. He has served Presbyterian



churches in Fond du Lac, Wis., and Indianapolis, where he remained ten years, and yet comes to Chicago in the vigor of his youth. He is English by birth but a thorough American for all that. His statements before the council exhibited rare gifts of mind, deep spirituality, hearty acceptance of the fundamental principles of the gospel and an intense desire to preach so as to save men. He is in thorough sympathy with our Congregational churches and anxious to do his part to keep Plymouth in the very front of the work in which these churches are engaged, whether for the city, for the country or for missions. Few men ever come before a council who impress it more favorably, or indicate more plainly their fitness for the place they are chosen to fill.

The public exercises were attractive. Dr. Gunsaulus preached the sermon and appealed to his old friends in the church to stand by the new pastor and bring back the church to its former strength and influence. Other parts were by Dr. Roy, who was moderator of the council, Rev. Messrs. J. C. Armstrong, E. A. Adams, W. D. Mackenzie, E. F. Williams, W. B. Thorp and Prof. H. M. Scott. The members of the church are greatly encouraged and full of hope. They have renovated the audience-room, on this and in other repairs expending about \$13,000, and added

greatly to the beauty and convenience of their place of worship. The prayer meeting has increased from less than a score to 150, and additions are made to the church at every communion. The conviction is strong that although many of the people live far south of the church, it is, after all, in the place where it ought to be, and that it can be sustained and enabled to minister to the community where it is, better than to move it.

A New Catechism

Not content with writing books and furnishing frequent articles to the religious press, Dr. W. E. Barton of the First Church, Oak Park, has prepared a catechism, which he is testing on a class of about sixty boys and girls. At the first session the following eight questions were studied, the truths they bring out illustrated by anecdotes, stories and such explanations as were needed to render their apprehension certain:

Apart from the things which you believe, hope, or imagine to be true, what do you know? *Ans.*: I know that there is a world, and that I live in it.

How do you know that there is a world? *Ans.*: I know that there is a world because I can touch, taste, smell and hear.

How do you know that you live? *Ans.*: I know that I live because I think, feel and will.

When you began to think, what did you learn about the world outside yourself? *Ans.*: When I began to think I learned that my father and mother loved me and deserved my love.

When did your parents begin to love you? *Ans.*: My parents loved me before I knew them or could love them in return.

Are there others who love you and deserve your love? *Ans.*: Yes, I have other friends, near and far, some of whom I have never seen, and I have received many blessings through the labor of some who died before I was born; all these deserve my love and gratitude.

Have you any other friend or benefactor? *Ans.*: God is my benefactor, my father and my best friend.

Ought you to love God? *Ans.*: I ought to love God most of all, for he is my nearest relative, my first and most faithful friend.

V. M. C. A. Lectures

The Y. M. C. A. is again placing the ministers of the city and its more intelligent laymen under great obligation through a series of lectures given Monday noons. At present Prof. H. L. Willett is giving a course on Apocalyptic Literatures which has proved both attractive and popular.

Chicago, Nov. 16.

FRANKLIN.

Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue.—Izaak Walton.

The Conversation Corner

NOW that the great Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo is finally closed, a few extracts from letters about it may be of interest both to those who did attend and those who did not.

Dear Mr. Martin: We went to the Pan-American, and it was very nice. We saw the illumination, all kinds of fish, the electric fountain, and lots of things. The life-saving exhibition was fine. A man went out fishing and got overboard and the life-savers pulled out in a boat and almost before you knew it had the man in the boat and safe on the shore. Then they worked over him till he got up and ran away.

Hornellsville, N. Y.

KENNETH B.

A Corner boy told us that he saw the same exercise at Big Boar's Head in his vacation. But a curious thing was told me the other day by a gentleman who summers on the coast of Maine. He said that some of the men at a station near his home resigned from the service because they would not go through that practice when no one was really in danger. Were they right? What do you say, Cornerers? Would they have been good life-savers in some dark and stormy night, when a shipwrecked crew was in peril, if they had not practiced beforehand?

Dear Mr. Martin: I am nine years old and would like to belong to the Conversation Corner very much. We went to several things in Buffalo. In the Midway we went to the Eskimo Village, Glass Blowers, and on a trip to the moon. We had three hours at Niagara Falls. Good-by.

Palmer, Mass.

ELIZABETH B.

This letter has a very interesting postscript:

These Eskimo were from Labrador. On the day we saw them notices were posted saying that the receipts for that day were for the Deep Sea Mission. I asked one of the women if she knew Dr. Grenfell. "O, yes," she replied, "and we love him very much." Their huts, made of staff and painted white to represent snow, must have been very hot and their fur clothing very uncomfortable. But they all seemed cheerful and happy, and paddled their canoes and played their native games over and over again for their visitors.

The women were sewing skins into native suits, and one of them carried a baby in the hood on her back. One of the games was an imitation of skinning the seal. A man, covered with a sealskin, represented the seal. After two of the company had marched around him several times singing, the skin was very neatly taken off with a wooden knife and rolled up, and the "seal" carried off. Another game represented a seal-hunt. The wrestling interested the children in our party very much. It was done with the feet and legs, the wrestlers lying on their backs. All the Eskimo children were good-natured and happy.

GROWN-UP READER OF THE CORNER.

A Haverhill boy whom I asked to go and see the "Huskies" writes:

As I approached the Eskimo Village on the Midway it seemed like a great iceberg. I found a way in and the superintendent, who cordially showed me about. The first thing I saw, or rather heard, was the dogs, which are kept in the caves of the iceberg, which, I should explain, is made of plaster. One dog, Shooky-shooky, is a perfect Arctic wolf in appearance. Later, one of the Eskimo hitched two dogs to one of the sledges (komatiks), which was made of wood. No nails are used, the framework being held together by thongs of hide. The dogs started off on the run at the crack of the driver's long whip and were soon out of sight among the icebergs.

Then we turned our attention to the canoes (kayaks), which an old man was paddling in the canal which encircled the village. The boat is a framework of bone and wood, skillfully joined together with hide and covered with sealskin, the smooth side in. At the top is a round hole, just big enough to admit the man's body, and there he sits and propels it with a paddle made of wood and bone, and shaped at both ends like a beaver's tail.

There are eight families in the village, from Siglick Bay on the northern coast of Labrador. One man was said to be a noted bear and walrus hunter. Another enjoys the distinction of being the tallest living Eskimo, measuring five feet, six inches! They were all at work, the women in their igloos sewing on furs, the men outside carving all sorts of figures out of ivory and bone. I inquired about Pomiuk and found he was known to many of them. John Oliver, the interpreter, told me that he died at Battle Harbor.

Haverhill, Mass.

GEORGE H.

These people came from the far North, hundreds of miles beyond the Battle Harbor hospital, with little communication between, and probably knew less of Pomiuk, after he was taken there, than we children in the United States! One other letter, just received from a lady in central New York, has a striking comment on the famous illuminations:

... Did not you go to Buffalo? I feel as if every one ought to have seen those buildings at night. There never was anything so wonderful, and it can never be repeated, because nowhere else can such power be gotten as comes from Niagara. When all the lights were fully on, a man near us was heard to say, "I John saw the holy city!" It seemed to make people think of heaven.

M. T.

How all these references remind us of the Eskimo Village in the World's Fair of 1893 at Chicago, where we first made the acquaintance of our dear boy Pomiuk, the story of whose rescue by Dr. Grenfell was told in our Thanksgiving Corner just six years ago. You will not forget that Kirkina, the little Eskimo girl, is now in the "Gabriel-Pomiuk Memorial Cot," occupied by other crippled children after Gabriel needed no longer a home on earth, and that we Cornerers are responsible for its maintenance. Besides that we keep a box for dimes and pennies to replace Kirkina's frozen feet, whenever Dr. Grenfell says the word.

... A letter printed by little Hugh —, asking if we would help buy some feet for Kirkina has interested our Primary Department children, and they have brought their little gifts to "help buy some feet."

Clinton, Ct.

P.

I am sure that is the same boy who started the fund last spring and has since sent dimes collected from all his grandpas and grandmas and great-aunts! Other small sums have been received for the same purpose. I am expecting to get from Dr. Grenfell by and by a picture of Kirkina (*Ker-kee-nah*), if the little no-footed girl can be kept still long enough for a snap-shot!

I hope there is room now to say that some friends near Boston are making up a box for Dr. Grenfell's winter station in Newfoundland, and that any warm clothes (sweaters?) for children, together with toys and suitable books for them, will get in if sent to Room 102, 14 Beacon Street, on or before Nov. 30; mark, "for Dr. Grenfell."

(For the Old Folks)

INTEMPERANCE ILLUSTRATED

Dear Mr. Martin: Have you ever seen an old print illustrating the evils of intemperance? It was a sheet about 12 x 16, showing a series of steps leading downward. Each step bore a colored picture and inscription, as "A glass with a friend," "A glass to keep the cold out," "A glass too much," etc. The picture hung in a good man's workshop, where I spent many hours when a boy, and made a lasting impression on my mind. You know that in our later years we sometimes wish we could possess some of the things connected with our boyhood, and pass them along to our own or other boys.

Fall River, Mass.

G. P. L.

Yes, I know about that, but I have not been able to find your picture. The catalogue of the National Temperance Society had "Five Steps in Drinking," and I sent for it. It was of a well-dressed gentleman, beginning with a fashionable beverage and gradually changing till in No. 5 he becomes a ragged old man, with toddy-blossoms on his face. The Old Folks are familiar with the picture of "Dea. Giles's Distillery," showing the devils at work barreling up "Sickness," "Poverty," and "Death." For publishing (in the *Salem Landmark*) the article headed, "Inquire at Amos Giles's Distillery," which was the basis of the picture, Rev. George B. Cheever suffered a month's imprisonment and paid a fine of \$1,000. This sheet is still in print; in fact, some missionary in the East, I think in Greece, has sent me a copy of the picture, with the description in the vernacular.

In looking for something else in an old *Boston Recorder* (May 12, 1830), I found an editorial review of

A Mirror for the Intemperate. Did anybody ever review a handkerchief among his "New Publications"? But here it is in blue and white, with fair type, handsome cuts and short, pithy extracts on intemperance and its evils, with maxims and scraps of poetry. ... We are wont to wish that all the good new publications may be introduced in every locality; we hope this will soon slip into every child's pocket.

Did this publication ever slip into any of our Old Folks' young pockets?

But by far the best pictorial temperance argument was the "Black Valley Railroad," which Seaman's Secretary Hanks used, thirty years ago, to exhibit at evening lectures and circulate widely in posters and "time-tables." The engine was a distillery on wheels, the baggage car a saloon, and the train was stopping at "Drunkard's Curve" before dashing into the Black Valley—"From Drunkard's Curve the Train is an Express." Many O. F.'s will recall with interest that good man and some of his quaint notes about the "B. V. R. R."

Quick time. Accommodating Conductors. Low Fares. Tickets sold at liquor shops throughout the country. Widows and orphans in pursuit of baggage lost by friends on this Road are informed that the Corporation positively will not restore lost baggage. Passengers in the sleeping cars, especially Stockholders, will be waked up at Screech Owl Forest, Thunderland, and at the end of the Road. Stages from Tobaccoland connect with all Trains. Stations: Sippington, Tippleton, Teperaville ... Beggarstown, Deliriumtown, Dismal Swamp, Dark Tunnel, Dead River, arriving at DESTRUCTION at —.

Mr. Martin

In and Around New York

Manhattan-Brooklyn Conference

The lately redecorated Tompkins Avenue Church opened last week to receive the Manhattan-Brooklyn Conference in its semi-annual meeting. One session was given chiefly to action upon the report of the committee of fifteen adopted by the Portland council. The changes made by the conference committee were slight, but there was a desire for more discussion than the program permitted. It was therefore finally referred back, to become a feature of the spring session. Over the appointment of secretaries by executive committees Dr. Meredith led a spirited debate against, and Mr. Hull for. Dr. Meredith's point was that it is a departure from the spirit of Congregationalism; Mr. Hull's, the precedent of business custom. Mr. Ramsdell sided with Dr. Meredith and Dr. Ingersoll with Mr. Hull. The vote stood, aye 31, nay 19. Mr. R. D. Benedict gave an inclusive but discriminating report of the National Council, offering the criticism that so large a number of addresses crowded out opportunity for adequate discussion of important business.

The conference was fortunate in hearing, upon International Arbitration, Hon. F. W. Holls, secretary of the American Commission to The Hague and a member of the Permanent Court by appointment of the king of Siam. At least six cases are in the preparatory stage for reference to the Permanent Court, and it will doubtless convene at The Hague at no distant date.

Manhattan in Its New Home.

Manhattan Church occupied the auditorium of its new building for the first time last Sunday morning. Though the interior presents a somewhat incomplete appearance, it promises to be one of the finest in New York. It is hoped to dedicate the completed building in less than two months.

Dr. Stimson announced that a gentleman from another city, who gave \$1,000 some time ago to the building fund, after visiting the new building last week, added another \$1,000 to his gift. This leaves less than \$12,000 to be raised before dedication. The cost of the new edifice is estimated at \$137,000. With the lot the property is valued at nearly \$250,000. Several new members were received, making the total membership almost 300.

Banquet of the International Committee

An echo of the Y. M. C. A. jubilee was heard last week Thursday at the Waldorf-Astoria, where three hundred or more men participated in a banquet celebrating the semi-centennial. The addresses by such men as Colonel McCook, W. B. Millar, Dr. Warner, Secretary Morse and Wm. E. Dodge pointed out that the great growth of the Y. M. C. A. work was largely due to the existence of the International Committee, the great body that plans and guides it. It was announced during the evening that \$600,000 have been raised toward the endowment fund of \$1,000,000 for the committee, and that a strenuous effort will be made to secure the balance before the end of this year. Among ladies who occupied boxes was Miss Helen Gould, who sat with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sage.

Dr. Henson Comes to Hanson Place

Brooklyn Baptists are jubilant over the fact that Dr. Poindexter S. Henson, now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chicago, has accepted the call of the Hanson Place Baptist. He will succeed Dr. A. C. Dixon, who went last spring to the Ruggles Street Church, Boston. Dr. Henson is one of the most successful pastors of that denomination in the West, and the Brooklyn church offers such opportunities along the lines in which he is most successful that it is felt that he will place it among the foremost Baptist churches

of the country. Brooklyn's gain will be Chicago's loss, for Dr. Henson has been an institution of the latter city for nearly twenty years. He was educated in the law, but left that profession for the ministry in 1856.

A Former Physician for All Souls

All Souls Universalist Church, the largest of that body in Brooklyn, is to have a new pastor in L. Ward Bingham of Rochester, Minn. He succeeds Dr. J. C. Adams, who resigned last spring to go to Hartford, Ct. Mr. Bingham is a native of Vermont and about thirty-five years old. He studied medicine in youth and practiced in Chicago for several years. Becoming interested in church work, however, he gave up his practice and took the theological course in St. Lawrence University, graduating in 1896.

A Chinese Professorship for Columbia

Columbia University has received \$112,000 to endow a chair in China and the Chinese. The Chinese religion, history and characteristics are now included in the curriculum, but it is stated that a new professorship will be established under direction of which these studies will be pursued, with the addition of the Chinese language and literature. It is said by those in touch with Columbia affairs that the present Chinese minister to the United States, Wu Ting-fang, is to be offered the new professorship. Whether he will accept or not is a question, for, while it is the general opinion that his recall as minister is now on its way to him, it is felt by those most conversant with Chinese affairs that he will return to China rather than lose caste in the eyes of his countrymen by remaining here. On the other hand, it is said that missionary secretaries and others familiar with Chinese mission affairs have no faith in Wu Ting-fang, and it is likely that they will oppose his selection as a Columbia professor.

C. N. A.

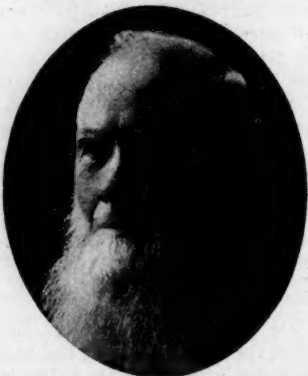
A Noble Ministry of Thirty-five Years

A notable council was held at Florence, Mass., last week, where Rev. E. G. Cobb has recently resigned, after a royal service for more than a generation. His pastorate has been unusual, his influence wide and uplifting, his record in educational and civic affairs clean and stimulating, and his long life with the sister churches in the Connecticut River Valley harmonious and influential. As pastor, preacher, worker he has had few peers.

Florence was at first called "The Community"; its leaders were strong thinking men, many of whom had seceded from the old New England churches. They followed Garrison, Phillips and Sumner, who were frequent visitors in Florence, in their antagonism to churches, because in those days so many upheld slavery and the Fugitive Slave Law. These "come-outers" formed Cosmian Hall. Mr. Cobb, coming as a young man to the village, found a positive, radical set of men, bitter in their opposition to the church. In series after series of popular lectures by well-known men from abroad, the evolution theory was set forth in brilliant terms, adapted to reach the masses; the Bible was pronounced absurd, a combination of myth and superstition. The village was aflame with these new and bold assertions in the name of science, and the people were far adrift in theological opinions. Mr. Cobb never entered into dispute, never antagonized men or their views. Simply, clearly, in his gentle, loving, scholarly way, he showed the harmony between science and the Bible. He was broad enough to appreciate all that

emanated from these lecturers that helped to lift men into harmony with the divine.

Owing to his fearlessness and his Christlike character, the sentiment of the community has entirely changed, and now Cosmian Hall



is akin to a conservative Unitarian church. He used to say, "We have learned not to be afraid of truth; an earthquake cannot disturb the stars." To ally man to God in spirit, to secure to him an enlightened conscience, a pure heart, a right spirit, to teach him the fatherhood of God, that true success is found in heeding and practicing the truth as taught by Christ, has been the ruling passion of this minister, now pastor emeritus by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cobb has purchased a little home about half way between Florence and Northampton, where with his two daughters, one a teacher in Smith College, he will still be a valued factor in the life of the city.

Is he past the fearsome line of fifty? Yes,

but no younger man walks the streets, when we reckon age by the inner unseen life and ability to do good work in or out of the pulpit. The council was not left alone to make known the result, but each member was given an opportunity to pay tribute to the good bishop of Hampshire County before the fine audience gathered in the church. Rarely has our state seen such a tender sundering of the pastoral tie, the going away of the minister to take a prominent place as neighbor, citizen and friend. We will add no detailed statistics of his work and its results here and in other lands, but merely say that at one time fifty members were added on confession, and at a dozen other times or so fifteen to forty have been added.

S. E. P.

Education

President Roosevelt, Seth Low and Hon. Hoke Smith of Atlanta, Ga., have been elected trustees of the Peabody Education Fund.

The late Mr. Z. Swift Holbrook left to Yale University a fund which will provide annual prizes of \$50 and \$25 to students in the Divinity School writing the best essays under conditions stipulated in the bequest.

Drunkenness and lawlessness at Cornell University have increased so of late that the faculty has acted summarily at last, and a drastic policy of dealing with offenders was adopted at a large faculty meeting last week.

Prof. E. H. Griffin of Johns Hopkins University received more votes for president of Williams College at the recent meeting of the trustees than any other candidate, and it is believed that at the next meeting he will be elected.

Two Thanksgiving Proclamations

THE PRESIDENT'S

The first call to a national day of thanksgiving issued by President Roosevelt rings true and has its own individual note. Belief is to be tested by action, and gratitude to the Almighty is to be shown by altruistic deeds in this world, not professions of gratitude in the world to come. Following is the text of the message.

The season is nigh when, according to the time-hallowed custom of our people, the President appoints a day as the special occasion for praise and thanksgiving to God.

This thanksgiving finds the people still bowed with sorrow for the death of a great and good President. We mourn President McKinley because we so loved and honored him; and the manner of his death should awaken in the breasts of our people a keen anxiety for the country and at the same time a resolute purpose not to be driven by any calamity from the path of strong, orderly, popular liberty which as a nation we have thus far safely trod.

Yet, in spite of this great disaster, it is nevertheless true that no people on earth have such abundant cause for thanksgiving as we have. The last year, in particular, has been one of peace and plenty. We have prospered in things material, and have been able to work for our own uplifting in things intellectual and spiritual. Let us remember that as much has been given us much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. We can best prove our thankfulness to the Almighty by the way in which on this earth and at this time each of us does his duty to his fellowmen.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving Thursday, the 28th of this present November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their wonted occupations, and at their several homes and places of worship reverently thank the Giver of all good for the countless blessings of our national life.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be fixed.

Done at the City of Washington this Second Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and One, and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

By the President.

JOHN HAY, *Secretary of State.*

THE GOVERNOR'S

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By His Excellency W. Murray Crane, Governor: A Proclamation for a Day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise.

I hereby appoint, with the advice and consent of the Council, Thursday, Nov. 28, to be a day of Thanksgiving and Praise.

On this day let us express our gratitude to Almighty God for his unceasing care and protection. We have many reasons for thankfulness and praise. The earth has yielded an abundant harvest, the public health has been preserved from the ravages of epidemics, and industry and labor have enjoyed the benefits of widespread prosperity. Religion, morality and temperance were never more strongly enthroned in the hearts of the people. In recognition of our manifold blessings I recommend that on the day named the people of the Commonwealth gather in their usual places of worship and by family firesides to pay homage to God for the wonderful mercies of his providence.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this Sixth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and One, and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth.

W. MURRAY CRANE.

By His Excellency the Governor, with the Advice and Consent of the Council.

WILLIAM M. OLIN, *Secretary.*

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At Harvest-tide

By Isaac Ogden Rankin

Now the merry days begin
That bring our wished-for harvests in.
Through humorous April, hurrying May,
Grew our ample meadows gay
With purpling blossom, lengthening blade,
Where the caressing breezes played;
And light and shadow drifting by
Wedded warm earth and genial sky.
Now in brooding summer heat
All the wayside airs are sweet
With the breath of clover blooms;
And, waking in soft midnight glooms,
We know the lure that leads the bees
To surfeit in their linden trees.

Where the bird's song was wont to be
And the warm droning of the bee,
Now, beneath this burning June,
Sounds the mower's buzzing tune.
Now, alas, for nests that lie
Close-hidden from the fierce hawk's sky
In the sheltering depths of grass.
For the meadow's pride, alas!
Withering in long windrows laid,
Life for life must fall and fade;
Sweet new fragrance, born of death
In the still twilight lingereth;
And the first faint stars look down
On the fresh-built haycocks brown.

How the twin-yoked oxen strain
Bringing home the laden wain!
Brown and fragrant harvests fill
Our spacious barns from roof to sill,
Where sunlit gleams in dusky spaces
Lit the empty barnloft places:
All is sheltered. Let us praise
Him who rules earth's growing days;
Gave us springtide's impulse good,
Made the summer's amplitude.
Lord, Thou dost for all provide,
Hear our praise at harvest-tide!

An, the Blind Korean Preacher

HIS INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT SPEER

In every land where missionaries labor are converts who do honor to their Christian profession. Would that we at home could know more about them. In his recently published compendium of Presbyterian Foreign Missions Robert E. Speer describes one whom he met in Korea.

The first time I saw him he was coming up the path from the gate to Mr. Lee's house. He did not carry a cane, but felt his way along with his great wooden shoes with turned-up toes. There was no light in his eyes, but on his face was the peace of God, and he brought an air of quietness and rest into the room, where he sat down and clasped his hands and lifted his sightless eyes to the two visitors from a far country, who had come "several ten thousands of miles" to see his people and bring to them the greetings of their fellow-Christians in a strange land.

"Shepherd," said he to the missionary, "it is good that these visitors have come. They have come through many troubles. Our hearts are encouraged by them." And this was An's story: "I am twenty-four years old, and lost my sight when I was three years old. For two and a half years I have been a Christian. When I first heard the gospel I said: 'This is Catholic doctrine. If I believe it, I shall die.' But as I heard it over and over I lost my fear that I would be crazed by it, and soon I wakened to the sense of my sins.

"Life is very different now to me. The words of Jesus are very sweet. What ones do I like best? 'Ye cannot serve two masters,' and 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart.' And of all the incidents of Jesus' life I love

most the story of the healing of the man who was born blind. It is in the ninth chapter of John."

"Do you know all your Bible so well?" I asked.

"I know it well," answered An.

"Do you know what is in the fifteenth chapter of Luke?"

"O, yes," he replied; "the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son."

"And do you know in which chapter in Matthew is the story of the feeding of the five thousand?"

"Yes; in the fourteenth," was his instant reply.

"You see," he said, "I think of the gospels all the time. In my little room at the gate others read them to me. Is it possible that anything else could be so sweet to me?"

"And do you have in your mind a picture of Jesus?" we inquired.

"Yes," he answered; "I think of him as a man, but full of color, of brightness and glory."

"Does Jesus help you?"

"If Jesus did not help me, I could not live!"

The evening before we left Pyeng Yang An came to say good-by. We should never meet again here, he said, but we would above. He had been turned out of his home when he became a Christian, but there was a home of many mansions there. He could not remember the sight of us when we were gone, but he wanted something by which to recall us. So I gave him my card that he might feel that. If he should write to us in America, would we be able to get any one to read it to us? Soon, he went on, he would be laying aside his poor body, and in heaven he would see.

What would he wish to see first? we

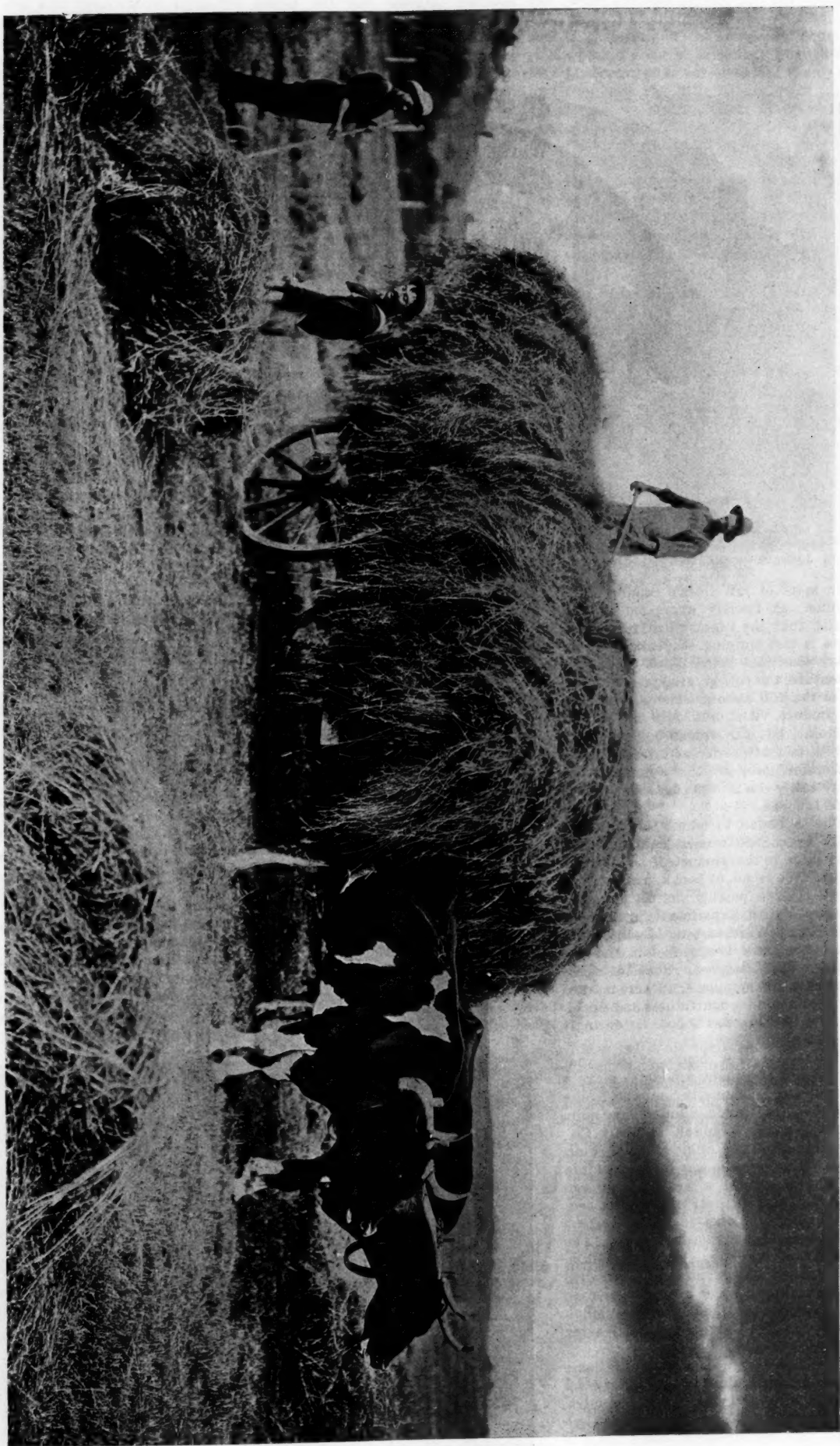
asked. "First Jesus," he answered, "then God, then all the believers. I must see Jesus first, for he has been the Mediator between my soul and God."

I see dear An still, as early in the morning of the next day he stood in the path that led down to his little room by the gate, gently waving his hand to us as we walked off southward toward Seoul and smiling after us with that quiet, patient smile which I hope to see again some day, beaming with new joy, in the land where the eyes of the blind are opened and the Lamb is their everlasting light.

A Parson Photographer

Few men in the active ministry have taken up and prosecuted an avocation so zealously and successfully as Rev. Wallace Nutting, D. D., of Union Church, Providence, pursues the popular modern pastime of amateur photography. Indeed, he has clearly passed beyond the stage of experimentation and by common consent has a ranking with professionals. A recent exhibit in Boston at one of the art stores of his photographs received high praise from all who viewed it. Dr. Nutting does not let his interest in photography intrench upon his numerous duties as pastor of one of the largest churches in Providence, but takes it up on Mondays and during his vacations. While the financial possibilities arising from such successful use of the camera are many, Dr. Nutting has resolutely set himself against anything like the semblance of engaging in a commercial enterprise. So far as it has profited him personally, it has been used to increase the sum at his disposal for charitable purposes.

The scene represented on the opposite page is a typical New England one, the pleasant country side near St. Johnsbury, Vt., being brought to view. Dr. Nutting has taken a number of pictures in this section of northern Vermont, one of which appears on our cover this week.



Now the merry days begin
That bring our wished-for harvests in.

A Group of Books by College Women

By Edith Baker Brown



JOSEPHINE PRESTON PEABODY

In spite of Mr. Gerald Stanley Lee's opinion, so frankly expressed in *The Critic*, that the literary drill in our colleges is fast training students to be literary machines rather than makers of literature, the college graduate, to judge from the fall announcements, continues to produce. And not only the college graduate, but the woman college graduate—a fact of particular interest in the discussion, because the woman is far more easily run into the academic groove than the man.

One is bound to admit that creative work by college women does not bulk very large in the product of the last ten years. We recall, of books that obtained more than a passing notice, Margaret Sherwood's *An Experiment in Altruism* and Henry Worthington, *Idealist*, Florence Converse's *Diana Victrix* and *The Burden of Cristopher*. None of these books was commonplace; all were marked by uncommon thoughtfulness and sincerity, yet not one was a book of daringly original power.

Among the new books of this year the names of women graduates make a fair showing. Jeannette Lee (who, by the way, is Mrs. Gerald Stanley Lee) publishes, through Houghton, Mifflin & Co., a novel called *The Pillar of Salt*. Florence Wilkinson, who was introduced into the literary world a year or two ago with her *Lady of the Flag Flowers*, continues to be productive. The Harpers have brought out her new novel, *The Strength of the Hills*. Yet Miss Wilkinson not only underwent the literary drill of one college, but of two, as she took post graduate work under Professor Moulton at Chicago University after leaving Wellesley.

Josephine Dodge Daskam, whose name is becoming popular with magazine editors, is one of the very recent graduates. Her *Smith College Stories*, published two years ago by Scribners, came near to being under-graduate work. And now

her new book, *Fables for the Fair*, is as wittily conceived as George Ade's *Fables in Slang*. What particularly marks Miss Daskam's work is its facility and *aplomb*, qualities as far as possible removed from what an editor sadly recognizes as the "academic." It is certainly not chilled by the critical conscience. Moreover, Miss Daskam has a delightfully humorous gift, which may result in work yet more seriously her own.

Most significant in the discussion, how-

sued this month by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Poetry is certainly the test of imaginative power, and one of the most individual and truly inspired of our recent



MARGARET SHERWOOD

poets is a man, not only college bred, but collegiate by profession, William Vaughn Moody; while the woman whom Richard Henry Stoddard has said to be "not only before all her poetical sisterhood here, but in the front of all living poets," is a college woman and is now teaching English literature in Wellesley College. Josephine Preston Peabody left Radcliffe not more than three or four years ago, yet this year she publishes her third volume of poetry. For the delicacy of her instinct, for the subtlety and distinction of her form, for the swiftness of her lyrical ardor, Miss Peabody suggests a comparison with Mrs. Meynell. Her verse has a rare individuality of its own. She has, too, not only the lyrical, but the dramatic gift. In her poetic drama, *Fortune and Men's Eyes*, she chose to represent Mr. William Shakespeare himself coming to the spiritual crisis of the sonnets on the afternoon of a bear-baiting in South London.

Anna Hempstead Branch publishes her first volume of poetry this fall; but separate poems of hers in the magazines have been attracting interest since her graduation from Smith College in 1897.



JOSEPHINE DODGE DASKAM

ever, and most welcome to the lover of literature, are two volumes of poetry is-



Courtesy The Bookman

FLORENCE WILKINSON

In 1898 she won the Century prize for a graduate poem. Miss Branch's work has a quality all its own, mystical and naive. Certainly college training has not spoiled in her case the childlike vision of the world which is so essentially poetic. Nothing could be less a product of pedantry, of critical sophistication, than her verse; and as her gift is unusually sensitive, it seems all the more significant that it should have escaped the blighting influence of Mr. Lee's college training.

These few instances prove at least that college training has not been able to

stamp out real talents. Perhaps the natural born genius is not in danger from the college course, because in a way she is independent of it, and, like the girl in one of Miss Daskam's college stories, gets her real education from the "unscheduled courses" of actual living. It seems, too, as if the younger graduates were more promising in literature than the old; so it may be that fewer geniuses have previously come out of the woman's college because fewer have gone in. But as college becomes more and more a matter of course for women, we may expect to find not only ambitious students—

which geniuses proverbially are not—but women of individual power.

Meanwhile it is extremely doubtful whether a course in college English fosters creative talent—whether it may not even mar the little talent, as Mr. Lee fears. At any rate, the critical estimates of literature that too often seem to be the fruit of the university training can hardly fail in the end to have some influence on the literature itself. If literature is to be taught as an analytic science, it is more than likely that we shall see an increase of the number of laborious talents who will try to write it in that way.

Bits from New Books

A Morning in the Tropics

The morning was all in blue; the sea blue, blue inshore upon the shallows, only the blue was nameless; the horizon clouds a blue like a fine pale porcelain, the sky behind them a pale lemon faintly warmed with orange. Much that one sees in the tropics is, in water colors, but this was in water colors by a young lady.—*From The Life of Robert Louis Stevenson*, by Graham Balfour.

Pervasive Religion

"After all," said Captain Abram, gently picking up the treacherous rake and resting his benign hand upon it, "if religion ain't somethin' to be messed right in along with our daily livin', then I don't know what it is. Now, for instance, the's religion even jest in tuckin' a man's bed into the foot, way it ought to be tucked."—*From Flood Tide*, by Sarah P. McL. Greene.

Under a Bushel

"Eliza," says she, "Miss Jordan's jined!" says she.

"You don't sesso!" says I.

"Yes," says she, "an' I couldn't hardly b'lieve my ears!" says she. "Jined by letter!" says she.

"I want ter know!" says I. "Well," says I, "all I kin say," says I, "is, I lived ten years next house to that woman, an' on an island surrounded by water," says I, "an' I never so much as mistrusted she was a Christian," says I, "an' worse'n that a perffessor of religion," says I.—*From a Lighthouse Village*, by Louise Lyndon Sibley.

The Censor in Constantinople

In one of the books published by the mission last year, in connection with remarks on sincerity in Christian esteem, the verse was quoted which says: "If a man say I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar." The censor erased this verse. He said it was an insult to Mohammedanism. Not being able to quite get the censor's point of view, we argued the case. The censor showed that even in a work on Christian ethics this text might call to mind the massacres where Turks were charged with killing their Armenian brethren. In this relation the verse would imply that Turks are liars because they also claim

to love God. We insisted on our right to quote Scripture for legitimate ends. Then the censor proposed a compromise. He said that the words of St. John might be made unobjectionable by a very slight modification. "Let the verse read," said he, "If a man say I love God and hateth his sister, he is a liar." Women were not commonly killed in the massacres.—*From Constantinople and Its Problems*, by Henry Otis Dwight.

Mistress and Slave

The common idea of tyranny and ill-usage of slaves was often reversed in my case, and I was subject at times to exactions and dictations of the black people who belonged to me which now seem too extraordinary and incredible to relate. . . . During my annual visits to the plantation I was not sure of uninterrupted rest even at night, for I never could refuse an interview to any of the Negroes who called upon me. I observe that my diaries of those days are full of notes of my attendance upon sick servants. When President Lincoln issued his proclamation of freedom to our slaves I exclaimed: "Thank heaven! I too shall be free at last."—*From Old Times in Dixie*, by Caroline E. Merrick.

Not a Patriot

But he wasn't no patriot, taking no interest in war or the grasping ways o' t'other nations, though there was not a child in the parish who couldn't have told him that if 'twasn't for England there would be little enough honesty left in the world, or religion either for the matter o' that.—*From Dunstable Weir*, by Zack.

The Helmsman

But of that great change of campaign, which decided all this part of my life and turned me from one whose business was to shirk into one whose business was to strive and persevere, it seems to me as though all that had been done by some one else. The life of Goethe affected me; so did that of Balzac; and some very noble remarks by the latter in a pretty bad book, the *Cousine Bette*. I dare say I could trace some other influences in the change. All I mean is, I was never conscious of a struggle, nor registered a vow, nor seemingly had any-

thing personally to do with the matter. I came about like a well-handled ship. There stood at the wheel that unknown steersman whom we call God.—*From The Life of Robert Louis Stevenson*, by Graham Balfour.

A Law of Life

I'm not hating the world, but I'm not trusting it. I'm trusting God and just going through the world.—*From Flood Tide*, by Sarah P. McL. Greene.

The Owl

The barred owl is quick at dodging, but Bunny is quicker. It is the owl's soft, shadow-silent wings that are dreaded. They spirit him through the dusk like a huge moth, wavering and aimless, with dangling dragon claws. But his drop is swift and certain, and the grip of those loosely hanging legs is the very grip of death. There is no terror like the ghost terror of the owl.—*From Wild Life Near Home*, by Dallas Lore Sharp.

Two Sorts of Women

There are but two sorts of women in the world—those who take the strength out of a man and those who put it back.—*From Kim*, by Rudyard Kipling.

A Secret of Charm

Men with all their badnesses are so susceptible of goodness that simple sincerity will shame all their badness out of sight. Meet them on the ground of their best and they will give you no other ground to stand on. If I judged men only by their relations to my own self, I should hardly have a word to say. They may be ever so wrong-headed, but practically they always turn to me right-hearted. I only see what men are at their worst by looking at them as you look at faint stars—obliquely. What men are to their wives, to their dependents, that men are. They are capable of better things, but that they are.—*From Gail Hamilton's Life in Letters*.

Sins of Omission

How adroit some Christians are in avoiding the subject of personal religion.—*From Individual Work for Individuals*, by Henry Clay Trumbull.

The Literature of the Day

A Maccabean Story *

The struggle of the Boers for independence resembles the war of the Jews under the Maccabean brothers in its religious fervor, the splendid courage of its leaders and its utter hopelessness, both as against the spirit of the time and the immense odds of opposing forces. If the Boers have been so differently estimated by lovers of liberty and bravery, much more difficult is it to judge fairly the struggle in a distant age of an Oriental people, whose contemporary literature is scanty and uncertain.

Dr. Ludlow has studied faithfully the times of the Maccabees, the people and the country which was the scene of their battles. He has produced a historical novel which is successful in its plot, in its delineations of character, and in investing both the historical personages and those created by his imagination with a living human interest. He has chosen to give the story the name of Deborah, who is wholly the product of his fancy. She is a genuine Jewess, noble, brilliant, loving and lovely. But Judas, the "Hammer," will make the deepest impression on many readers. Love of country and love of woman have rarely been so skillfully blended in one made a hero by sublime self-sacrifice.

The book is as strong in its purpose as it is true in its balancing of motives and faithful in its details of character and description. The author has apparently made on the ground a thorough study of Jerusalem and its surrounding country. With discriminating sympathy for the patriotic Jews in the death struggle for their nation, he has wisely judged the results of that fateful war in the history of mankind. The book is not only of sustained interest, but of permanent value as a contribution to the study of forces which shaped the beginnings of Christianity.

Robert Louis Stevenson †

The service which Mr. Balfour, with remarkable ability and self-effacement, has rendered in these volumes must not be underestimated because he has told us little that is new. There have been few men among those whose lives interested the world who have shown themselves more fully and engagingly than Stevenson did in the studied expression of his matured opinions and in the reckless outpourings of passing moods in communion with his friends. It is in the works and letters, indeed, that his present biographer has found the materials of self-revelation which he has so carefully woven into an ordered narrative.

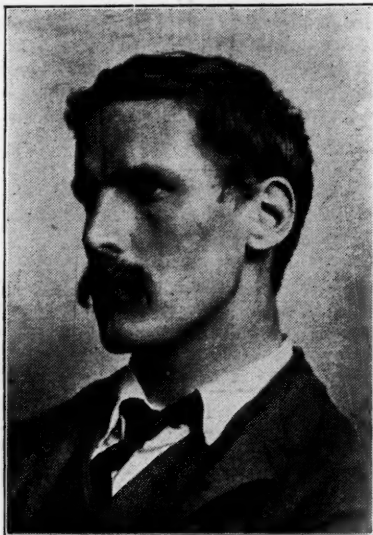
In one sense, the book belongs to the guarded later years of its hero's life rather than to the earlier times of revolt and wandering independence. It was a labor of love for the little family circle to shield the invalid whose life and work were so valuable. He was hedged about with admiring and possessive love,

* Deborah, by James M. Ludlow. pp. 406. F. H. Revell Co. \$1.50.

† The Life of Robert Louis Stevenson, by Graham Balfour. 2 vols. pp. 256, 275. Charles Scribner's Sons. \$4.00 net.

and this is the attitude which best accounts for the occasional tone of the book. It represents the view which the intimate family group wish to have taken. His reputation is guarded, as his person was, from annoyance or misunderstanding. Nor can we complain of this attitude, since we have the self-revelations of the letters and the books.

It must be conceded that Stevenson's power of literary charm has both gained and lost since he was taken from us. The popular following is not so large, but the admiration of an inner circle grows steadily. It is not strange that in this age of hasty reading the latest romances should crowd their elder brothers to the wall; the real wonder is that Stevenson's books should still sell side by side with the latest boomings in scarcely diminished numbers. This biography, then, is



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Author of *The Life of Stevenson*

for the curious public and not for the Stevensonians, and its purpose as an introduction to the life of a great writer could hardly be better served.

Stevenson's cheerful and courageous attitude toward life comes out well in Mr. Balfour's picture. We get a glimpse of his methods of work—of the industry which built up his grasp of style, of the elusive images which flashed upon his thought much faster than he could put them into form. We recognize his singular personal charm, which grew with the maturity of his experience. If any one imagines that good writing is an easy art, the words in which he describes his method should be taken to heart: "If there is anywhere a thing said in two sentences that could have been as clearly and as engagingly and as forcibly said in one, then it's amateur work." To this industry he himself attributes his literary success—a partially mistaken judgment, we must believe—"I frankly believe (thanks to my dire industry) I have done more with smaller gifts than almost any man of letters in the world." And this "dire industry" was maintained in spite of that constant invalidism which repeatedly brought him to death's door.

Such a man's life is worth writing and worth reading. If we are often inclined to smile at the vagaries of men who imitate his faults—writing in an archaic and affected style and admiring their idol most when he puts his worst foot forward—in the friendly and cheerful presence of Stevenson himself we realize that his abiding boyishness was the mask of high ideals, and that his revolt from the stern dogmas which his infancy was taught never carried him beyond essential reverence and faith. To this the prayers he wrote and used in family worship, quoted in full in an appendix, bear witness. And so he wrote to his father, a man of the old faith and formulas of faith, "Strange as it may seem to you, everything has been, in one way or the other, bringing me a little nearer to what I think you would like me to be. 'Tis a strange world, indeed, but there is a manifest God for those who care to look for him."

Casting of Nets *

Nothing in recent fiction has fulfilled the ideal of a strong and centered art moving toward a high purpose and sure of its aim better than this study of the struggle for a soul. The casters of nets are a little group of proselytizing English Roman Catholics. Their instrument is the Catholic wife of an English nobleman. Their intended prey is the nobleman himself, brought up in strict Protestant opinions but who by reaction has disavowed himself from all religious ties.

The wife was counted on to bring her husband into the Roman fold; the husband had expressly agreed to respect the faith of his wife and to have his children brought up as Catholics. This is the situation at the opening of the book. We shall not tell how it works out in the end, but the working out is set before us with masterly skill. The characters are vividly real to us and we watch their growth and change with an absorbing interest.

Although the author sees the end from the beginning and proceeds with assured strength on his way, there is none of that partisan bitterness which covers a whole sect of thinkers or believers with whitewash or with tar. The reader is not made to feel that all the virtue and nobility belong on one side of a creedal line. If he has strong opinions, he finds them soberly called in question, and mere prejudice is allowed no standing in the tale. But at the end the threads of logic and of feeling are gathered up, and the result is clear. It is a powerful and refreshing book, which must needs create a stir of thought and secure a wide constituency of readers.

The Benefactress †

The public greeted the announcement of a novel by the author of *Elizabeth and Her German Garden* with not a little

* Casting of Nets, by Richard Bagot. pp. 362. John Lane.

† The Benefactress, by the author of *Elizabeth and Her German Garden*. pp. 444. Macmillan Co. \$1.50.

curiosity. Readers who demand an exciting plot or rapid movement in a story will be disappointed. The narrative is long drawn out; the plot is slight. So will those who look for the outdoor interest which is so prominent in *Elizabeth* and *The Solitary Summer*. But the book will appeal to its own circle. It is human nature which the author studies in detail in this novel and, incidentally, life in the country districts of North Germany.

A pretty and attractive young English woman, who in childhood and youth had known the bitterness of dependence on a vulgar sister-in-law, comes into possession of an estate in North Germany. She decides to live there and in a glow of enthusiastic philanthropy offers to open her home to several penniless German ladies. Unfortunately she shows more zeal than common sense. Her experiences are related with much humor and the other characters in the book—both English and German—are drawn with good-natured irony. Here is one of several clever characterizations: "Anna thought Trudi delightful. Trudi's new friends always did think her delightful; and she never had any old ones."

The story demands a keen sense of humor in its readers. Without appreciation of the irony it would be a dull and unconvincing book. The constructive work is unsatisfactory. The author herself never really takes her characters seriously, and the reader feels that she is poking quiet fun at everything and everybody—the woman with social ambitions, the German mode of life and intense reverence for caste, the neglected English schoolgirl, the garrulous village pastor, the lazy and ungrateful beneficiaries—even at the heroics of the heroine. The book as a whole is an amusing satire on the philanthropy which goes far afield for its objects, with a zeal untempered by worldly wisdom. A slight love story, with a villain, a fire and forged letters, helps out the plot and gives the touch of romance expected in a novel.

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The Great Saints of the Bible, by L. A. Banks, D. D. pp. 351. Eaton & Mains. \$1.50.

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The Miracles and Myths of the New Testament, by Joseph May, LL. D. pp. 191. George H. Ellis. \$1.00.

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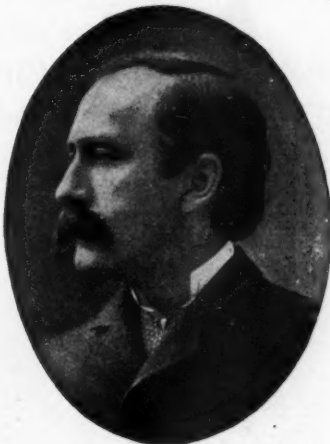
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the birthdays of poets is, however, an interesting feature. The fault of the book is that the poems have no order, except that for mechanical reasons two short poems with a certain likeness of subject but an entire contrast of mood are often put on a single page. It is trying, for example, to one of Lloyd Mifflin's least effective sonnets that it should follow immediately after Shelley's *Ozymandias*, merely because in both cases ancient Egypt supplies the theme.

The Tale of the Argonauts, translated by A. S. Way. pp. 208. J. M. Dent. 50 cents. Apollonius of Rhodes was a Greek epic poet, born about 270 B. C., who told the tale of Jason's voyage in search of the golden fleece. Mr. Way has translated his poem into English rhyming couplets, which render the movement of the original as well as the language will allow. The story of the voyage and of Medea's passion for Jason still stirs us in this rendering as it stirred the Romans, with whom the epic was always a favorite.

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Alexander Hamilton, by C. A. Conant. pp. 145.

Washington Irving, by H. W. Boynton. pp. 116. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Each 65 cents net.

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Mendelssohn, by Stephen S. Stratton. pp. 307. E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.25.

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The New Books

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RELIGION

The Modern American Bible: St. Luke—Gospel and Acts, with notes and introduction by Frank Schell Ballentine. pp. 331. Thomas Whittaker. 50 cents.

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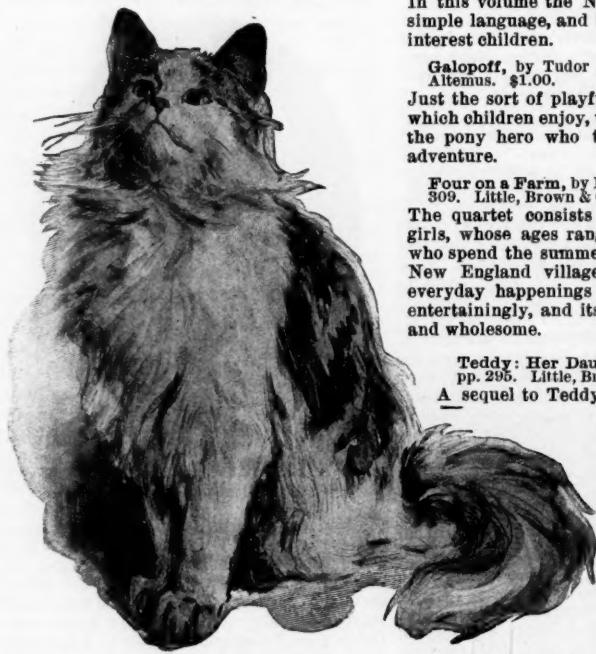
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Candle-Lightin' Time, by Paul Laurence Dunbar. pp. 127. Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.50 net. Delightful transcripts of the life of a people

Brief interviews with contemporaries, chiefly men and women who have attained manifest business, social or political success in American life. Originally published in *Success*.

FICTION

Caleb Wright, by John Habberton. pp. 461. Lothrop Pub. Co. \$1.50.
As a cure for the blues, this orthodox David Harum should be called in to prescribe for every attack. With all the shrewdness in



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business affairs and in comment on all sorts of human doings that characterized Mr. Westcott's creation, Caleb Wright has a sincere piety that is neither blatant nor timid. The book, indeed, as a whole is rather less amusing than David Harum, its humor being more delicate and laid on somewhat less thickly. But as an artistic story, and especially in the value of its more serious impressions, it is much the better book of the two. Caleb's little discourse on malaria as a means of grace is one of the best things printed this year, and it does not stand alone in the book. We should like to quote Caleb indefinitely, but must be content with a single saying. He was talking about the lack of good books in the Western village where he lived, and said: "Once in a while some book agent with head-piece enough to take his pay in truck has gone through this county like a cyclone—an' left about as much trash behind him as a cyclone usually does." We expect to see Caleb Wright take its place among the most popular books of the year.

A Daughter of the Huguenots, by Elizabeth W. Champney. pp. 315. Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.35 net.

The thrilling account of the siege of that Huguenot stronghold, La Rochelle, in the summer of 1625, compiled from a recently discovered journal of those days, the story of the taking of Schenectady and the attempt upon Quebec furnish the foundations for this novel. The scene is laid in America and the heroine, Yvonne, is an imaginary character, but the events with which she is associated are historic. The splendid heroism of Dukes de Rohan and Soubise, the leniency of Cardinal Richelieu, the life of the French Catholics in Canada, as well as Yvonne's simple romance, are well depicted.

Time and Chance, by Elbert Hubbard. pp. 434. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50.

Founded upon the life history of John Brown the liberator. There is a touch of lawlessness about the thought and style of the author which often makes the reader displeased with what might easily have been a much more powerful story. In the writer's own picturesque but sneering phrase, he lets us know that "he could not have entered into patty-pap emotions." He might, with a little more

self-forgetfulness, have made a strong biography instead of a rather rambling and unsatisfactory novel.

Christmas at Thompson Hall, by Anthony Trollope. pp. 82. L. C. Page & Co. 35 cents.
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Asgard Stories, by Mary H. Foster and Mabel H. Cummings. pp. 110. Silver, Burdett & Co. 36 cents.

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Teddy: Her Daughter, by Anna C. Ray. pp. 295. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.20 net.

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From *The Fireside Sphinx*

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Caps and Capers, by Gabrielle E. Jackson. pp. 287. Henry Altemus. \$1.00.

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A Young Inventor's Pluck, by A. M. Winfield. pp. 235. Saalfield Pub. Co. \$1.00.

A rather sensational tale in which theft, murder and abduction play a prominent part. The young hero—whose model of an invention is stolen—and his sister display commendable qualities, but several other characters are too suggestive of the police court.

When the River Rose, by Jane E. Joy. pp. 74. Ruby, Pearl and Diamond, by Emma S. Allen. pp. 59; **The Little Maid of Doubting Castle**, by Mary E. Q. Brush. pp. 62; **Rosy Posey's Mission**, by Louise R. Baker. pp. 70; **Tommy Tucker**, by J. C. Cowdick. pp. 58; **Beppino**, by Felicia B. Clark. pp. 68; **The Upstairs Family**, by Mrs. O. W. Scott. pp. 88; **The Minister's Twins**, by F. E. Graeff. pp. 75. Comprising the Inglenook Tales. Eaton & Mains. \$3.00 per set.

Children of all sorts, a little colored girl who goes out to service, an Italian boy playing his violin in the streets of Rome, twins in the house of a Methodist minister, and many others, figure in these books, which are designed to entertain the youngest readers. One or

two books are better adapted for being read to them by an older person.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Fireside Sphinx, by Agnes Repplier. pp. 305. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00 net.

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Stevenson's Attitude to Life, by Prof. John F. Genung. pp. 43. T. Y. Crowell. 60 cents.

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The Children's Health, by Florence Hull Winterburn. pp. 280. Baker & Taylor Co. \$1.25 net.

The kind of knowledge in this book is indispensable to those who have the care of young children. Definite, practical directions, based upon thorough study of child life, are given concerning such vital matters as food, sleep, exercise, control of the nerves and emotions and culture of the social instincts. Incidentally adults may learn much for themselves. The hygienic value of singing, for instance, is patly put in these words: "Opening the window and singing loudly *The Star-spangled Banner* is a hundred times better than taking a pill."

A Quarter-century of Cremation in North America, by John Storer Cobb. pp. 188. Knight & Millet, Boston.

The author calls this book a report of progress. It tells the story of the informing of public opinion in favor of a hygienic method of burying our dead out of our sight. That progress may be gauged by the fact that there are already twenty-seven "crematoria" in the United States.

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BY REV. A. E. DUNNING

Every work is dignified when the workman is conscious that God has set his task for him. To lead men to see that their lives are thus divinely appointed is to lift them to a sense of sonship with God. One of Dr. Bushnell's most famous sermons is entitled "Every man's life a plan of God." The plan of Moses' life is revealed that we may see the divine guidance of our own. The record in the book of Exodus gives no evidence that Moses realized the divine hand directing him to any particular service before he saw the burning bush. Stephen said that Moses supposed when he smote the Egyptian that the Hebrews would see that God was giving them deliverance through him [Acts 7: 25]. But they did not see it, and Moses must have been convinced that he was mistaken in considering himself commissioned by God, for he withdrew from all connection with his people and was content to live among strangers until he became one with them. The call which came to him included three things:

1. *The vision.* Moses had been walking with his flock in sight of the mountain of Horeb for forty years before he saw what his life work was to be. One day he came on an acacia tree which seemed to be on fire, but the glory which enveloped it did not consume it. He might have passed on without further examination. Other men have been so absorbed in themselves or their affairs that wonderful events in the heart of which some have seen the angel of the Lord have attracted only their passing attention. But Moses had an alert eye. He could see into the meaning of a vision. Another shepherd might have gazed at it, then gone on after his sheep and told his neighbors that night of the strange thing he had seen—a tree ablaze and not burned. The seer is as wonderful as what he sees. Some men see only commonplace things in the temple of God. Others discern the angel of the Lord in the wayside bush. The greatest gift is power to see, and when diligently cultivated it makes one a prophet. It was when the Lord saw that Moses turned aside to see that God called him.

2. *The voice.* Whether this was audible or not I do not undertake to say. Often persons have told me that God has spoken to them. One wrote to me lately that God had called him to a foreign mission field. The call has since been voiced by the American Board, and he has accepted. But his reason for so doing is that he had already answered the voice of the highest. Another has been urged to undertake an important task by a religious organization, but he has declined. He told me that he did so because he had not heard the voice of God calling him to this work.

We must not fail to note that Moses was fit for the work to which the voice called him. He was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. He was a brave, chivalrous defender of the op-

pressed. He showed that in Goshen, when he smote the taskmaster of his brethren, and in Midian, when he drove away the rude shepherds who were pestering Reuel's seven daughters, and he won the hearts, perhaps of all of them, and the hand of one. He was patient and ready to take the task that offered itself, which for long years was that of a shepherd. It may be taken for granted that God's voice is not heard calling a man to a task for which he is not fitted.

3. *The commission.* It was not until Moses had gazed steadfastly and listened intently that he found out what God's plan was for him. Then he learned that during all the years when he had been shepherding his father-in-law's flock the way was being prepared for him to shepherd a great people. The cry of Israel had been going up to God, and he had remembered his covenant with their fathers. The waiting years of those who seek to carry out the divine plan through them are not wasted years.

When Moses found that he was summoned to be the deliverer of his people he shrank from the task. Neither the vision nor the voice convinced him that he was called. He asked for further evidence of his call and received it. Three things would prove it, but they would not be given him until he had shown his sincerity by entering on his work. These were:

(a) *The fulfillment of prophecy.* When the people should stand in the shadow of Horeb, where Moses then was, beside the burning bush, he would see that his eyes and ears had been true to him.

(b) *The character of God revealed.* Moses asked that when the people of Israel should demand proof that the God of their fathers had sent him, he should be able to show them who God was in a way that would convince them. God instructed him to do it by revealing his eternity—"I am that I am"; his relation with Israel—the God who had guided their fathers; and his sympathy with their affliction—he would bring them out of it.

(c) *Signs of divine power.* The shepherd's crook should become a living thing in the hands of Moses, and again it should appear as a shepherd's crook. His hand should be leprous and yet without disease. The water of the sacred river should become blood when he poured it on the land.

These, then, were the signs that God had commissioned Moses to be the leader of Israel. He would fulfill his task. He would proclaim God so that those who heard him should acknowledge him to be supreme; and he would work wonders so that men would recognize his superiority.

Moses stands as a colossal figure in history, growing with the years as his work grows. Change the description of the evidences of his divine call and commission to fit the present, and you may see that men are still commissioned to do the divine will. This man doubted himself, doubted his call, was distrusted by others, sometimes despaired. But he saw, heard, acted and did not turn from his task. He showed the way by which every one may fulfill the plan of God for him.

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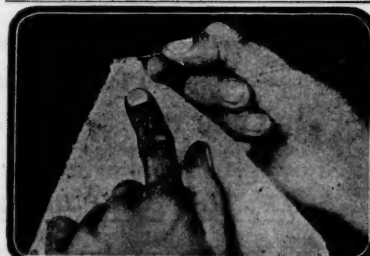
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The Home and Its Outlook

A Thanksgiving

Lord, in this dust Thy sovereign voice
First quicken'd love divine;
I am all Thine—Thy care and choice,
My very praise is Thine.

I praise Thee, while Thy providence
In childhood frail I trace,
For blessings given, ere dawning sense
Could seek or scan Thy grace;

Blessings in boyhood's marveling hour,
Bright dreams and fancyings strange;
Blessings, when reason's awful power
Gave thought a bolder range;

Blessings of friends, which to my door
Unask'd, unhoped, have come;
And, choicer still, a countless store
Of eager smiles at home.

Yet, Lord, in memory's fondest place
I shrine those seasons sad,
When, looking up, I saw Thy face
In kind austerity clad.

I would not miss one sigh or tear,
Heart-pang, or throbbing brow;
Sweet was the chastisement severe,
And sweet its memory now.

Yes! let the fragrant scars abide,
Love-tokens in Thy stead,
Faint shadows of the spear-pierced side
And thorn-encompass'd head.

And such Thy tender force be still,
When self would swerve or stray,
Shaping to truth the froward will
Along Thy narrow way.

Deny me wealth; far, far remove
The lure of power or name;
Hope thrives in straits, in weakness love,
And faith in this world's shame.

—J. H. Newman.

The Thanksgiving Right of Way

On Thanksgiving Day most of us, with deliberate intention and perhaps no little effort, close the door by which grumbles enter and open wide the other door that lets in praise. For once gratitude has the right of way and we are just a little bit ashamed to be found in the dull company of complaint. At the Thanksgiving service, if we attend it, we give ourselves to a deliberate enumeration of our blessings and remember, perhaps, how many there are less favored than ourselves. There is not time for a complete and permanent smoothing out of the wrinkles of care and perplexity before we sit down at the bountifully laden table, but on the whole we are ready to enter into the spirit of the time. Is Thanksgiving, then, a reversal or an occasional accentuation of the proper habit of a Christian's life? If there must be rusty hinges, should they be upon the doors of praise, while the other door of grumbling works with constant ease? The undisputed right of way in the Thanksgiving season ought to be the right of way for all the year. Praise first, then grumble, if you positively must, but be sure to give the right of way to gratitude. That would be better for our homes than a big legacy, and more smoothing to our foreheads than any of the measures the beauty makers recommend.

The Martyrs of the Feast

Thanksgiving dinners do not cook themselves or march in due order of courses, daintily served up and piping hot, to the table. The long preliminaries of marketing, preparing, putting to the fire and taking from the fire at the right moment, all demand a skill of prevising generalship which only comes by long practice and a personal attention which precludes all other occupation for the time. Where competent servants are kept, it is a simple matter, but how many mistresses will allow their servants to be competent for the unassisted preparation of the Thanksgiving feast? And if the presence of any servant were necessary to the feast, how many households would go without upon Thanksgiving Day? Among the matters for gratitude, therefore, must be put the skill and devotion of the martyrs of the feast—the women who prepare and cook, and clear up after all are satisfied. They cannot go to church. To them the enlargement of the company means the increase of the work. There are mothers who find every holiday a day of toil in preparation for the jollity of others. They ought to be appreciated, for they do not complain. Many of them are relieved by the good plan of a round of celebrating places for related families. All ought to have recognition and such a measure of assistance as they are willing to accept.

Seven Co-operators

BY HELEN CAMPBELL

The story I have to tell is not imaginary. It was lived, and its details came by slow degrees in the two years in which we were neighbors in a Western state, given to methods of its own, working them out in a fashion which other states seem inclined to follow.

"There was everything to do, very little to do it with, and a great determination not to be driven apart by any stress of circumstance. My husband and I had been co-eds in college, and I half meant to be a minister, but that waits. I may turn one when all the children have grown up."

We were sitting at a west window in the pretty Colorado house, where parlors had turned into a big "living room," and "books and work and healthful play" all had evident share. There was beauty, too, in color and form, for the great oak table with its heavy frame was one William Morris would have smiled upon as owning all that he demanded of a table for general use, and there were chairs of the same order. Harmony ruled, simplicity, space, freedom. One could draw a long breath here, certain that nothing would fall over and that everything could be used.

"Very bare, I suppose it seems," my hostess said, her serene eyes following mine, "but then, you see, this is a house where men do the sweeping, and they object to ordinary bric-a-brac. I had to be educated up to it. John had always said before we were married that he could not see why the heaviest work in housekeep-

ing should necessarily be confined to women, and he took the two big rugs with which we began under his own charge, shaking and sweeping them as few women's arms could do.

"I rebelled at first, for the neighbors smiled, but he said: 'We must live our life as it comes to us, and this is one way of making things easier. Women are slaves to tradition. They make boys into selfish, unseeing men, just because they never cipher out the real bearing of things. This house is going to mean co-operation inside and out. We can't afford a servant, and you shall not turn into a household drudge. The life is more than meat.'

"That has been the keynote. The children came—three of them boys, and at last the two little girls—and from the time the oldest one could walk he not only wanted to help, as children instinctively want to, but it was taken for granted he could help. John, who had known little or nothing of a home, brought business methods into it, so far as his share went. We had the first gas range in town and everything in the way of really useful household inventions. A good many of them are that only in name. We bought supplies by the quantity, not by dribblets. We studied foods and how to simplify whenever possible, without parting with any legitimate pleasure of the table. We loved camping out, and each boy in turn learned camp-cookery and could be trusted to turn out a savory and appetizing meal. Each one took care of his own room, or his share of it, for all had separate beds, and they did what they saw their father do—took off the bed clothes and aired them before the open windows, and after breakfast ran up for the grand bed-making, which ended now and then in a pillow fight and no harm done.

"Naturally, there was baby tending for all the chinks, but they were a loving, helpful little tribe, and each new arrival welcome. There was never any formal teaching. My young sister, a kindergartner, was mother's helper for some years, and so labor was lightened, but a good deal of the time we had no maid, because they were not only difficult to get, but often despised training. Each child had a defined share, and learned how not to make work. Only one of them ever seemed to have the boy impulse to throw down and scatter, and he reformed in pure shame at his own tendency.

"They delighted in cooking, and were so taught that they economized labor, strength and utensils. I remember John, Jr., telling me one day that he had made three things and only had a pan, a cup, a spoon and a knife to wash. The three things proved to be some biscuit, a little batch of cookies and a loaf of gingerbread, a cooking lesson to the next brother, who was going off for a day or two of camping with a boy friend.

"Sufficient sewing came in the same way. Each boy darned his own stockings, and we made an evening of it, their father darning his while I read aloud to them—a total reversal of orthodox

methods. Other boys wondered and laughed and asked questions, and presently mine were teaching them camp cookery, for all far Western men expect to have something to do with ranch or mining district, and to be at one time or another beyond the reach of women's help.

"Women shake their heads—that is, the women who do not see what it means. Even I, who did, doubted at moments if I were not making my boys less manly.

"But I have no need to doubt ever again. They are all tall, strong, sturdy, happy creatures, as happy a family as I have ever seen, and so far from repelling other boys that our sitting-room is really a sort of clubroom, and John announces at times that he intends to buy a house for his own use, since there is no room for him in the present one.

"The school life, of course, meant less time, but all that also arranged itself, and now as college takes the older ones, the little girls and the brother next them are in the field and count housekeeping the only real living. They all had a course at the manual training school. John is the author of that Morris table. They all draw readily, in short, use their hands and brains together. Our plan never seems to produce general confusion, as one might think. The boys took pride in making a science of all their work, and we have always said that any genuine co-operation would make all science its handmaid. Each one of us knew the meaning of a home—its exactions, its satisfactions. Each one sought to make things easier. We worked together. It was often hard, yet always easy, for we kept side by side, and always rewarded ourselves for any specially strenuous job, well done, by a new book or some expedition together.

"Now you see why my solution of part of the domestic problem is in making the man co-worker with the woman—always where it is a question of muscle—and in so training the boy that he does his share naturally, even involuntarily. My oldest boy will soon be married, and will take this principle into his own home. 'Home cookery' places, that already give us here a good bill of fare at a surprisingly small advance on cost, are helpers on the cooking side, and precursors of the public kitchens to come. But the private kitchen has its own place. Nobody need fear the abolition of the real home.

"If there is any regret, it is that we cannot do it all over again, for they were happy years. But then each one is better than the last. And when this thought that has helped us so is part of the general thought, why then I think will come the 'organization of the world'—the federation of the whole world in the brotherhood that wipes out war for world and household alike, and makes all work the happiness it was meant to be and will be."

Praise Him ever,
Bounteous Giver;
Praise him, Father, Friend and Lord.
Each glad soul its free course winging,
Each glad voice its free song singing,
Praise the great and mighty Lord.

—John Stuart Blackie.

Closet and Altar

THANKSGIVING

Thou shalt eat and be full, and Thou shalt bless the Lord Thy God for the good land which He hath given Thee.

Lord of the harvest, Thee we hail!
Thine ancient promise doth not fail;
The varying seasons haste their round;
With goodness all our years are crowned;
Our thanks we pay,
This holy day;
Oh, let our hearts in tune be found!

—J. H. Gurney.

Where are finer expressions of joy than the psalms of praise and thanksgiving? There you look into the hearts of the saints, as if you looked into a fair and delightful garden—ay, or into heaven itself—and you see how lovely and pleasant flowers are springing up there out of manifold happy and beautiful thoughts of God and all his mercies.—*Preface to Luther's Book of Psalms.*

Thankfulness knits us to Jesus with a blessed bond. Nothing is so sweet to a loving heart as to pour itself out in thanks to Him.—*Alexander McLaren.*

Too many of us seem to think that we would bring God thanks if He would fully give us all we ask. But upon that condition we shall never learn to be thankful. Is praise a sister to self-satisfaction? Does repletion naturally give thanks? Why not forget the disappointments for a moment and observe how large God's gifts have been and how pitiful our return of gratitude.—*I. O. Rankin.*

The Lord put and keep your heart in a praising frame!—*John Mason.*

To give God thanks in words—this is not hard;
But incense of the spirit—to distill
From hour to hour the cassia and the nard
Of fragrant life, His praises to fulfill?

Alas, inconstant will!

—Katharine Lee Bates.

O Lord, our God, our confidence and joy, how many are Thy gifts and blessings and how patient is Thy love! Thou hast given us life in this fair world and strength to meet its claims upon us. Thine is the peace of sleep and the fresh vigor of the morning. Thou hast made the cords of sympathy which bind us heart to heart. Thou settest the solitary in families and puttest Thy seal of favor upon sweet home joys. Thou hast given the fruits of the earth and pleasures of the eye and ear for our enjoyment. The flag we love speaks of Thy watchful care, for Thou hast brought our fathers to this goodly land and helped them in their need. We bless Thee for progress and hope; for the divine Fatherhood which makes our lives secure and for Thy share in all our joys which makes them perfect and complete. Help us to be grateful in remembrance of Thy mercies and cheerful in our work and rest. Give us courage to endure, faith to overcome and love that makes us more like Thee. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Tangles

75. A BIOGRAPHICAL DINNER

(A prize tangle story, in which the names are used phonetically)

We were all at work in the kitchen, for the family friends were to come to Thanksgiving dinner. Abbie, our new American authoress, proved to be quite skillful. She is a first child born in New England girl; the last one was a British novelist servant. I cried out to her. "Now for the cake, and O, French scholar and founder of scholastic theology the pans, so that the fictitious plaintiff in suits of ejectment will not stick to them. You will find the pans all in a American novelist on the upper shelf. See that the fire poet well; put on a little more American landscape painter, or even a little English jurist. I hope you got every English statesman out of the can of cherries before making the pudding. Look and see if the turkey is two poets well, and make plenty of President of French republic to go with it. You will find the nuts and oranges in two American poet in the pantry. President of the United States glasses with syllabub; and, Jack, hand me down that large decorated bowl to put the sultan of Egypt and Syria; you are such a American poet and I am too New York public man to reach it. Now, Abbie, President of the United States the cake with a broom straw to see if it is done. You are quite a famous explorer of the Nile! I will have the bread boat to put the English art critic: the children can American authoress away any number of those. Baste the roast duck—which is really a English naval hero; have the seventeenth century poet laureate covered with drawn butter, and see if the roast English essayist and humorist is about done. Now, Swiss hero Julia to put on her American Abolitionist dress; she would as like as American educator put on the old president of Union Telegraph Co. one, if the notion should famous Roman general. Now I must New Testament writer the place where each one is to sit, and all will be ready."

The day had begun rather author of Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard, but later there was only the President of United States of an Indian summer day over the landscape. Most of our guests had left their American poet quite Confederate general and gone to service; we had heard the English statesman of the inventor of the telephone calling them to American landscape painter. But now Scottish reformer began to be heard at the door. First came the minister, a good educator and school reformer, whom we all Revolutionary patriot the Irish poet the longer we know him. He preached in most famous discoverer, Ohio, English poet and diplomatist to coming to us. Though aged, he is still Unitarian minister and writer. Heaven President of United States he may long be spared to instruct us by voice and famous friend with lake poet their weight in gold, and to find "sermons in stones and books in the running Boston clergyman." He likes to English novelist his sermons, but he can African explorer without notes equally well. He lives in our street, and as it is not a Confederate general we are near neighbors. His daughter was with him, looking as fresh as a spray of American novelist in May, in a President of United States made gown. She is much like him, only English archdeacon in complexion, and with light author of Walks in Rome. She refuses to English naval officer and novelist all, while her father needs her, though her Irish novelist urges her to set the day, and I think she is American geologist and professor.

Then our nephew author of Progress and Poverty came. We heard his lively tune afar off. He is a great American artist and sewing machine inventor. Then sister came with the baby, who is growing as cunning as a

famous friend. Her first anxious question was, "Is *Scottish poet and antiquary*?" I replied, "She was never better." After they had dined they all tried to *Archbishop of Canterbury* my dinner to the skies. George said if he could get such fare at the restaurants he would not mind paying his *Scotch novelist*. They said my preserves never *New Testament* writer on the taste; and while I don't like to *Confederate general*, I do think my recipe is almost as infallible as the *bard of Twickenham*. Well, it was *French dress-maker* all the trouble I had taken for them. Then they all seemed in *English poet spirits*, for there was not a *American evangelist* or husband of *George Eliot* one among them, and so many jokes flew about that every one had to hold his *author of Pleasures of the Imagination* for very laughter. DOROTHEA.

[To the reader sending, within ten days, the

best list of the famous names needed to give sense to the story will be given Ernest Seton-Thompson's new book, *Lives of the Hunted*. The editor reserves the right to select the winner in case of doubt by any special feature that seems to add merit to one of the nearest complete lists.]

ANSWERS

72. 1. Vivisection. 2. Corruption. 3. Decapitation. 4. Intention. 5. Execution. 6. Potation. 7. Speculation. 8. Exaggeration. 9. Extortion. 10. Temptation. 11. Desertion. 12. Insurrection. 13. Expatriation. 14. Nation (Mrs. Carrie). 15. Intoxication. 16. Secession. 17. Infection. 18. Cremation. 19. Assassination. 20. Electrocutation.

73. No solution given by the senders.

74. Septem (Octo, Novem, or Decem)-ber.

Recent solutions are acknowledged from: E. P.,

Newton Center, Mass., to 69, 70; Ellen, Dorchester, Mass., 69, 70; Nillor, Middletown Springs, Vt., 70; W. H. Newton, San Francisco, Cal., 61.

It appears that in some unknown way E. P. failed to get credit for his solution of 59, and it is intimated that we are not properly encouraging one of the young people who has been trying to let his "little light shine on this dark world ever since June 25, 1826!" May we do better next time!

In the settlement of 61 the division of the \$1,800 into eight parts of \$225 each seems to be most favored, but several experienced administrators affirm that the court might rule differently. They regard Senex as right. As M., Watertown, Mass., says, all assets, good, doubtful, etc., must be included, the proportionate division made, and the loss charged back to each heir. This would give the widow \$683.33; each of five sons, \$223.33.

G. S. Newcomb, Westboro, Mass., requests from Grant the method of solving 59, as he would know whether there is any way of getting the correct answer without assuming something.

For the Children

Apple Plays

A generation or two ago, when children had not so many toys as they have nowadays, they had good times playing with flowers and apples and berries. A writer in *Little Folks* tells about the fun she had with apples in her childhood. Some of the plays may be new to the boys and girls who read this page, and they may like to try them on Thanksgiving Day.

"Sometimes we sewed with a strong thread all around the apples just under the skin, putting the needle into the same hole it came out of each time, and having the two ends of the thread hanging out of the last hole; then we held the ends together and pulled very hard till the thread came out; this cut the apple in two under the skin, and we would give it to some one to eat; and when the apple was pared it fell apart, and was a fine surprise—"surprise apples" we called them.

"Sometimes we took small apples and stuck them very full of cloves, and they made nice spicy-smelling balls to put in bureau drawers, but they were not good to eat. We liked better to make what we called cider apples; we would each

take a big greening apple and go out of doors and pound the apple against the side of the house until it was very soft all over, being careful not to break the skin. When the apple was just as soft as could be we made a small hole in it, and could suck out all the apple but a little about the core.

"Then we generally ate some of the core too, and if the seeds were nice fat ones we dried them and played with them. We sewed the seeds edgewise on cards for mice, making the tails and ears with fine brown cotton; sometimes we put on the card a tiny little bag stuffed with sawdust to look like meal and had the apple-seed mice gathered about it and some of them going up on the bag.

"Now and then before eating an apple we used to wish, and then guess the number of seeds, and the one who guessed exactly, we used to say, would get the wish. We strung apple seeds by the small ends with a needle and thread and made fine necklaces for our dolls—at least my sister and I did, but my brother called that "girl's play"; but he used to play some counting-games with us, with the seeds. I am sorry I have forgotten what they were."



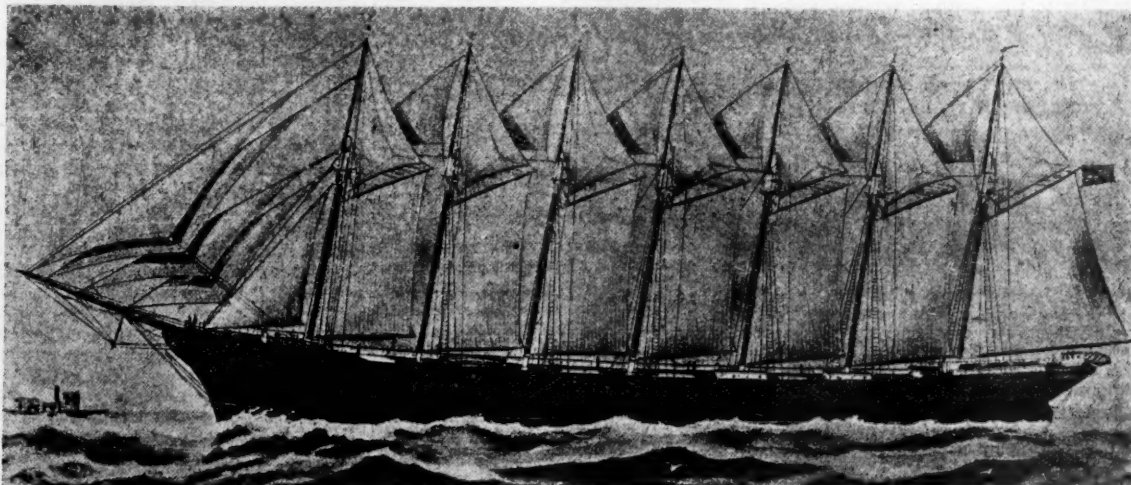
Clothes

BY ABBIE FARWELL BROWN

Although my clothes are fine and gay,
They should not make me vain,
For Nurse can take them all away,
And put them on again.

Each flower grows her pretty gown,
So does each little weed.
Their dresses are their very own,
They may be proud indeed!

An Old Conundrum.—I went to Africa and stopped there. When I got there they sent me back to America because I would not go there. Ans. A watch.



What kind of a vessel is this, a schooner, a yacht, or a brig?
Where is it being built?

At the Fore River Shipyard, Quincy, Mass.

How large is it to be?

Larger than any ???????? ever built before, either in this country or abroad.

Will she be built of metal or wood? Of steel.

How long will she be?

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Connecticut

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Constitutional Reform

The most prominent topic in the state is that of the new constitutional convention, for which delegates have just been chosen from our 168 towns, to meet in January. The old constitution of 1818 is considered antiquated in spots, but the main contention is for revising the system of representation in the legislature, as to which, as Sir Roger remarks, "much could be said on both sides." Meanwhile there is no talk of revising the constitution of Congregational churches, though it was made as far back as 100 A. D. A significant feature in the election of delegates to this constitutional convention occurred at Plymouth. Rev. C. H. Smith, pastor of the Congregational church, was defeated by the "machine" at the Republican caucus, and a Roman Catholic priest was nominated by a majority of votes. Mr. Smith ran independently at the election, and defeated his opponent by 317 to 162.

Councils Asserting Their Independence

There is evident disposition to make the council an institution of more significance to the churches, and not merely a body to give dignity to any action which may be proposed to it. In October a council was called by the Dixwell Avenue Church, New Haven, to ordain its new minister, who had been called only for a limited time and who had no license. The council declined to proceed with the ordination and was dissolved. In the council for dismissal at Whitneyville this month it was held that the papers submitted did not show sufficient ground for the resignation of the able and respected pastor, Rev. Charles F. Clarke, and it was not until fuller statements were set before the council that an agreement to approve could be reached. In this tendency is much hope for the churches as well as for the ministry, both in the line of stability in the pastoral relation and of high standards of efficiency.

From the City of Elms

At the annual meeting of the New Haven West Conference strong resolutions were passed relative to the report of the committee of fifteen, as approved by the National Council. There was full discussion and general harmony of opinion. A strong committee was appointed to carry the movement into effect, so far as possible, in the churches of the conference.

New Haven is listed fourth in the "strongholds of Congregationalism," and the co-operation of these churches through their delegates in conference is encouraging to those who have devoted so much valuable time and attention to the federation of our mission work in the last few years. It also indicates what the response from the churches is likely to be in view of the action at Portland. Indications are that the whole subject of missions is receiving fair and full consideration among the churches of this locality, and the two successful meetings of the American Board held in this state in recent years show the favor

with which that society looks upon Connecticut.

Once more Dr. Newman Smyth is in his place at the old First, after an absence of nearly eight months in foreign lands. Rev. T. B. Willson has taken up the work at Ferry Street; Rev. A. B. Chalmers is just being installed at Grand Avenue. Thus the churches of the city are all provided for, as well as nearly all those in the vicinage.

A good example has just been set for Christian Endeavor unions by the District Epworth League, in a two days' institute held in Trinity Church for the instruction of officers, committees and workers in the local leagues. It was well attended and thorough instruction was given by experts. The idea is a great improvement upon the ordinary sort of effusive conventioning. It touches one of the deepest needs of local work among young people.

W. J. M.

Connected with Connecticut

A fine address was recently given in Salisbury by Dr. Joseph Anderson of Waterbury on the Preservation of the Beautiful in Nature and Life. The subject is commended to ministers and school teachers.

Dr. Jefferson stated recently that the most difficult hymn to sing in these days is, "I love thy church, O God." The statement needs modification in Connecticut. Never were there so many gifts and betterments reported for Zion as in these days, and some of the little Benjamins are the recipients, too, which is best of all.

Libraries are increasing in Connecticut. The state aids towns that make a library appropriation, also school districts that support school libraries. It is becoming more and more a favorite practice with philanthropists to endow their native towns with building and books. The administration, too, is advancing. The State Library Association stimulates the use of books and passes around good ideas as to circulation. Schools remote from the library are being made connecting and distributing centers. Librarians are a fine body to meet. Their session at Salisbury recently was instructive and inspiring. One paper pleaded for the librarian's acceptance of her trust as a mission, and referred to the beautiful values of books which might be opened by cultivated persons to ignorant minds, expressing the hope that "every wolfish boy in Connecticut might yet find his St. Francis of Assisi."

J. C. G.

Lengthening Cords and Strengthening Stakes

The Windsor church is building a \$9,000 parish house. It is at some distance from the church, nearer the center of population and will be used for Sunday evening and social services. Windsor Locks is spending \$1,600 in improving its parsonage preparatory to calling a pastor.

In Hartford, Wethersfield Avenue Church will make extensive improvements in its edifice costing \$4,000, of which \$1,500 has been raised. Since Farmington Avenue Church has moved from Pearl Street to its present site near the former homes of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Charles Dudley Warner and Mark Twain, 118 members have been added. Windsor Avenue Church is to join the forward movement and undertake the support of a foreign missionary.

R.

From the Northwestern Corner

Norfolk has recently placed a bronze tablet to the memory of Miss Sarah Eldridge, donor of the church organ. The congregation subscribed about \$1,000 toward the improvement of its neighbor, the Methodist church. The church missionary is Rev. E. M. Rowland of Sapiro, Japan, a classmate of the pastor.

Sharon has placed seats for tired wayfarers along the roadside, after the manner of the resting walls in India. A certain generous family has given an almshouse for the town poor, in charge of a committee representing all churches. A Sunday service is maintained there. The church discovers that one member has kept his right hand secret so well from his left as to have given for a number of years \$1,000 to Hampton, for which no credit was ever given himself or church in the Year-Book. Happily another book is kept on high.

Kent has changed from pew rentals to voluntary offerings, with satisfactory results so far. In view of the falling off of interest on church funds, an addition to the endowment was made by ten persons, aggregating \$4,500. A Young Men's Club was opened five nights in the week, utilizing the church parlors; it had a membership of twenty-five, held them against the attractions of low resorts, enjoyed a music class under the pastor, reported a balance in the treasury and is altogether a success.

Ellsworth has a new church dining service through the efforts of the Endeavor Society. The pastor has what missionaries would call an "out-station" in a mountain district, which he addresses monthly on Men of the Bible.

Warren has been deprived temporarily of its pastor, who had to take an extended rest. He has tried the experiment successfully this year of maintaining open-air services in various parts of the town. He remarks, jocosely: "The scarcity of apples this year is not entirely without compensation."

Pilgrim of North Canaan has had an old folks' service. Its prayer meetings, though not largely attended, have the unusual feature of a majority of men.

East Canaan has renovated the parsonage for its new pastor, Rev. C. W. Hanna. The opening of large marble quarries give a hopeful outlook for church and town.

South Canaan had a "stout fight," as Cromwell said of an engagement in Ireland, with the liquor interests, and succeeded in changing a majority of one for license to three against.

Salisbury has another new school in town, St. Austin's, of good orthodox and churchly name and nature. The centennial services respecting its church building have been printed and embellished with cuts. A fine marble font was given as a memorial by one church member, beautiful lighting fixtures by another, and a new individual communion service is forthcoming from a third. The Endeavor Society recently bought a fine organ for the use of Endeavor and church meetings. By an attractively printed program, including the subjects, leaders, address givers and organists, the Ladies' Missionary Society has trebled its attendance. Printers' ink has much virtue in it. The church missionary, Rev. C. E. Ewing, passed through the siege of Peking with wife and family unscathed. He was one of the "fighting parsons" of that campaign and helped man the international gun, an illustration of, "He teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight."

J. C. G.

In Various Fields

A New Pastor in Cambridge, Mass.

After eighteen pastorless months, since the resignation of Rev. F. E. Ramsdell, Pilgrim Church has called a Michigan man, Rev. W. H. Spence of Alpena. Mr. Spence was born in Detroit and studied in its schools and at Albion College, Mich. Five years in the Methodist ministry were followed by a call to the Congregational church in Vermontville, Mich. After two years here he felt the need of more thorough preparation, which he found at Oberlin College and Seminary. On graduating from the latter in 1899, he was called to Alpena. Mr. Spence is married and has a seven-year-old daughter. He has a genial personality and is an attractive preacher, speaking entirely without notes.

Walpole's Diamond Anniversary

This church completed its seventy-fifth year Nov. 13. It was organized by twenty-nine persons who withdrew from the First Parish Church on account of the Unitarian sentiments of a newly-called pastor. It was called the Orthodox Congregational and, succeeding to the traditions and faiths of the founders, has ever since been noted for its devotion, its evangelical faith and conservative beliefs. During the seventy-five years the church has received 648 members, has been served by ten deacons, two of whom served forty years each and two others thirty years each, has had twelve pastors, among them Rev. Messrs. Asahel Bigelow, E. G. Thurber, C. G. Hill, F. J. Marsh and F. C. Putnam. The present minister is Rev. J. L. Keedy.

At the anniversary exercises, a historical sketch, carefully prepared by one of the deacons, brought out many interesting incidents connected with the early life of the church. This was followed by historical sketches of the different organizations, including the Sunday school, Maternal Association, Benevolent Society, Missionary Society, Y. P. S. C. E. and St. Cecilia Society, and reports of what they had accomplished.

After a social hour and banquet the roll of members was called and responses were given. Letters from absent members and former pastors were read, and addresses of congratulation and reminiscence were made by Rev. Messrs. J. B. Seabury, I. W. Sneath and F. J. Marsh.

From the Connecticut Valley

DIAMOND JUBILEE AT NORTH AMHERST

Seventy-five years have passed since the infant church at North Amherst dedicated its meeting house, Nov. 15, 1826, and on the anniversary its wandering children and absent friends were recalled to share its celebration. Rev. E. W. Gaylord, now in his twelfth year of service, has had eight predecessors, two of them dying in office; four took part in this all-day program, as did several other visitors and residents. Rev. W. D. Herriek told of the qualities of mind and heart that characterized the fathers; and Rev. G. E. Fisher told the story of the meeting house. Erected at the expense chiefly of one man, he dictated the site and sold the pews, stipulating that they should remain unchanged save by majority vote, and that no Negro or mulatto should acquire possession of one. He thought the gallery good enough for such people. He also deeded the pulpit to the first pastor, Rev. W. W. Hunt, and his successors, on condition that it should be used only for worship and preaching, and that the minister should believe what the Shorter Catechism teaches. The historical sermon by the pastor reviewed the period. Nearly 900 members enrolled, over 200 today;

\$100,000 raised for parish work and \$30,000 for benevolence; four sons and twelve daughters, one in the foreign work, given to the ministry; and the church always a factor for righteousness and truth in the community—these are the notable items in the record of North Amherst's three-quarters of a century.

HAMPSHIRE WEST

This conference met with Payson Church, Easthampton, Nov. 13, 14. The first session was devoted to Biblical Instruction, Professor Sanders of Yale speaking on what the historical view of the Bible involves, and how to teach it, and Professor Wood of Smith College on Biblical inspiration. Vigorous discussion prevailed in the session which considered Applied Christianity. The C. E. Society, the obstacles in the way of church growth in membership, and the moral and spiritual advantages of electric transportation were the applications of the theme, the papers being presented chiefly by laymen. Rev. E. G. Cobb preached the sermon, and President Capen was the missionary invigorator.

LONG.

New York Federation of Churches

The first annual meeting of this State Federation of Churches and Christian Workers was held in Central Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Nov. 12, 13. Dr. H. H. Stebbins, pastor of the entertaining church, is also president of this organization, which started with great vigor a year ago in Syracuse with a send-off from the then Governor Roosevelt. Representatives of various state bodies attended, among them Episcopalians, Free Bap-

tists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Reformed and Congregationalists, the latter being represented by Drs. W. T. Sutherland of Oxford and E. N. Packard of Syracuse, both of whom were active in forming the federation.

Dr. I. J. Lansing of the Green Ridge Presbyterian Church of Scranton, Pa., contributed a masterly showing of the prison problem, which will be printed and used by the National Federation Society. While the attendance was not large, the spirit of the meeting was excellent and hopeful.

Several local federations have been formed during the past year in the state and others are in process of formation. The methods adopted in Syracuse, a city of 110,000, and in Babylon, L. I., a town six miles square, as well as in the metropolis, were explained. Dr. Walter Laidlaw, secretary of the New York Federation, took an active part in the deliberations and J. Cleveland Cady, Esq., of New York, president of the national society, spoke. In open parliament interesting questions were discussed, arising out of conditions peculiar to city or country districts, to those where the denominations are already in harmony and where they are not. Dr. E. B. Sanford, who devotes one-third of his time to this work, gave a hopeful report upon the field at large.

One feature in the several plans announced was significant—the evangelistic aim of the whole work. Beyond comity between different bodies, beyond agreement to arbitrate questions about new churches or the abandonment of over-churched fields, this one final purpose of federation was made prominent—to

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combine to evangelize communities. Dr. Laidlaw believed that the poverty and crime of London would never be relieved until both the Non-conformist and the state churches there federated. The address of Dr. C. L. Goodell of Hanson Place M. E. Church, Brooklyn, the largest of that body in the world, had this for its keynote: "In the last century we learned how to master physical forces; this century should put us in line to master 'spiritual forces.'"

Perhaps the best statement of the negative work of federation was made in a carefully studied paper by Dr. W. T. Sutherland, presented as from the executive committee.

The list of officers includes Dean J. B. Brooks of Syracuse as president. He is a Methodist and strongly enlisted in federation work. The governor of the state and Mr. W. E. Dodge are vice-presidents, Dr. E. B. Sanford is field secretary, and on the executive committee are Drs. G. B. Spalding, E. G. Selden, D. O. Mears and others whose names are household words among Congregationalists. A delightful fraternal spirit was manifested.

E. N. P.

With Northern New Jersey Churches

Their fall meeting was held last week in Plainfield, and right royally were the delegates received by Rev. C. L. Goodrich and his people. Rev. J. L. Souder was moderator. After the transaction of routine business the Problems and Possibilities of the Small Suburban Church were considered. Rev. C. A. S. Dwight, in an exhilarating paper, delineated the distinctive characteristics of the suburbanite and the many isms and ologies of his Christian thought. Rev. W. F. Barney struck a note of warning against false ideas of success and the fallacy of always associating influence with largeness. In the discussion Rev. J. R. Danforth indicated the values of the family idea—hence of fellowship—in the smaller church. Dr. A. H. Bradford spoke a deserved word for pastors in such fields. They are to be credited with skill in handling certain difficulties of which city ministers know little.

Unusual interest and satisfaction were shown in the reports from the National Council in view of the selection of Dr. Bradford as its moderator. He gave the first of a series of reviews and ably summed up the results. He regards the council's action as preparatory to a real forward movement in Congregational activities, and believes that the churches were never more loyal to the central truths of the historic Christian faith. Rev. E. W. Brown, but lately a Presbyterian, paid many compliments to the denomination on its part in American history and upon the character of its present leaders. The annual custom of post-prandial speechmaking intensified the goodfellowship. Rev. Messrs. Bliss, Hodgdon, Jones, Brown and Berry responded.

A significant address was on The Duty of the Pulpit in the Suppression of Anarchy by Dr. W. A. Rice, a Newark pastor. The preacher will always insist upon a recognition of the claims of law and order. He will preach reverence for God, righteous living and the penalties of wrongdoing. Rev. H. S. Bliss presented an interesting study of The Problem of the Boy. After a delightful characterization of his subject, he described modern ways of understanding the boy's attitudes and summed up the results.

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Northern New Jersey

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At the annual meeting of the Congregational Union, the state home missionary society, Rev. H. S. Bliss was elected president and Rev. F. W. Hodgdon secretary. A minute presented by Rev. J. M. Whiton was adopted, recognizing the completion of a half-century in the "second growth" of Congregationalism in the state. During this time the denomination has developed from two to thirty-six churches. The spring conference will be held with Belleville Avenue Church, Newark.

W. P. L.

The New St. Louis

Missouri is getting plenty of advertisement these days. A few more droughts like that of last summer will class the state with Kansas. We have already had a cyclone and a few other calamities. The oldest inhabitant says the drought is the worst since 1854. It lasted from May 28 to Oct. 12. Suburbans depend largely on cisterns for water supply. These soon ran low, necessitating the greatest economy. To such extremities were many reduced that one family debated each morning whether they should bathe the baby or boil coffee. Many had only the luxury of a bath in a pint cup and others, less fortunate, bathed only in perspiration.

This imperial state, than which no other of the Union has more varied and abundant natural resources, is to have proper exploitation through the World's Fair of 1903. St. Louis has been denominated slow and unprogressive, but Oct. 22 was a turning point in her history. By an overwhelming vote the people emancipated themselves from the shackles of that excessive prudence and conservatism which is the highest imprudence. The bonds of Mossbackism and Bourbonism have been broken. Today a new St. Louis faces progress and the future. The five charter amendments defeated in 1898 are now adopted. The effect will appear in improved streets, better sanitary conditions, more parks and boulevards and millions spent on public buildings and for the public good. It is the beginning of a new era in our municipal life. The promise of Mr. Isaac Taylor, director-in-

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Meetings and Events to Come

BOSTON MINISTERS' MEETING, Pilgrim Hall, Nov. 25, 10.30 A. M. Subject, Christian Nurture; Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D.

NEW YORK CLERICAL UNION, United Charities Building, Nov. 25, 11 A. M. Subject, Renaissance of Child-Culture in Religion.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. MINISTERS' MEETING, Nov. 25. Subject, Jonathan Edwards; A. S. Hawkes.

CHICAGO MINISTERS' MEETING, Nov. 25. Subject, Responsibility of the Ministry of Today; Rev. Pearce Pinch, Rev. Drs. Brodie and Bartlett.

Marriages

The charge for marriage notices is twenty-five cents.

FRENCH-CORNELL—In Hyde Park, Ill., by Rev. J. G. K. McClure of Lake Forest, Rev. Howard Dean French of Wyoming, Ill., to Helen Cornell of Hyde Park.

Deaths

The charge for notices of deaths is twenty-five cents. Each additional line ten cents, counting eight words to a line. The money should be sent with the notice.

BRIMSMADE—In Trumbull, Ct., Nov. 9, Deacon Lewis Brimsmae, aged 79 years.


DIXON—In Bunker Hill, Kan., Oct. 21, Rev. J. J. A. T. Dixon.

PRATT—In Lowell, Mass., Nov. 11, Mrs. Louisa W. Pratt, widow of Nathan P. Pratt, aged 83 years. Private burial in Reading, Mass., on Thursday, Nov. 14.

MRS. EMILY MORSE SEYMOUR

Died at Washington, D. C., Nov. 13, 1901, Emily Morse Seymour, wife of Rev. Bela N. Seymour. After graduating at Mt. Holyoke Mr. and Mrs. Seymour set out for the Marquesas Islands in 1855, but were directed into the pioneer work in California for seven years. Her impaired health compelled a return East, where pastorates in New England were followed by a call in 1887 to the new Fifth Church of Washington. Six years of pastorate and subsequent busy years have been spent in their own home.

Of the four children, the eldest died in infancy; Mary lies by her mother in Vernon, Ct., Dr. Alfred M. is in Philadelphia and Rev. Edward P. is in Wendell, Mass. Mr. Seymour will keep the home in Washington.



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Christian News from Everywhere

Henry Varley, the well-known English evangelist, expects to spend the next few months in America, having his headquarters at East Northfield, Mass.

Orthodox Greek and Roman Catholic Christians recently fought in fisticuffs over the alleged site of the tomb of Christ in Jerusalem, and last week the Roman Catholic and Lutheran students of the University of Vienna waged persistent battle in its halls.

Ira D. Sankey is holding services in Massachusetts and Connecticut—Keene, Springfield, Northampton, Meriden and Waterbury being some of the places visited. His popular lecture on Egypt and Palestine is called for in various directions. He will issue soon his book on the Moody and Sankey Hymns and results therefrom.

Rev. John Cotton Brooks of Springfield, Mass., and Rev. Dr. D. H. Greer of New York city have withdrawn their names as candidates for the bishopric of western Massachusetts in the new diocese recently created by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. But the preliminary vote of the delegates shows that Dr. Greer is likely to be elected.

It looks as if the Boys' Brigade movement through the country at large was on the down grade. The National Assembly at Pittsburg last week heard reports from its retiring commander-in-chief, O. C. Graner of Chicago, indicating a decrease in membership in the Western states and a lack of interest elsewhere. It was decided to remove national headquarters from Chicago to Pittsburg.

The Methodist Episcopal General Committee, sitting in Columbus, O., last week to debate problems of missionary administration and apportion amounts to be expended in various parts of the world during the coming year, voted \$7,500 to the Philippine and \$800 to the Hawaiian Japanese mission of the denomination. They plan to erect at least a dozen churches in the Philippines during the coming year.

The time limit of the Methodist Episcopal Twentieth Century Fund has been extended a year; \$20,000,000 is the goal. Pledges and the amount paid in make the total at the present time \$13,500,000. Thus far the work has been done quietly, and mainly in the large cities and towns. In 1902 the crusade for dollars will be carried into all the remoter districts, and with fervid methods suited to the denomination.

Rev. C. H. Brent of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, Boston, has accepted the post of bishop of Protestant Episcopal mission work in the Philippines, a diocese created by the recent general convention. He is a Canadian by birth, a graduate of Trinity College and an aggressive, able priest whom "Father"—now Bishop—A. C. Hall discovered and set at work in Boston when he was prominent in Boston's church life. "Father" Brent has much organizing skill and a genuine passion for humanity, and in his farewell sermon to his parish in Boston he outlined an Episcopal policy which was sensible and catholic.

Dr. John G. Paton, after extensive touring in America and England, writes from Melbourne, Australia, that he suffers much from pains in his head and back and sometimes considers himself quite unfit for work. He is eager to be back in the midst of his mission stations in

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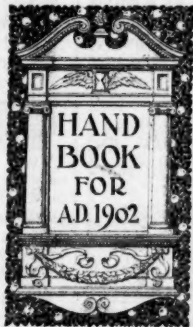
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Christian News from Everywhere

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the New Hebrides, where his presence is much needed, owing to the disposition of traders to force intoxicants, opium, dynamite and firearms upon the natives. Let us hope that this beloved missionary and his faithful wife will soon be able to resume the work which is the joy of their lives and which has already borne such remarkable fruit.

Perhaps the awakening in Japan is only the forerunner of revivals throughout mission lands in general. Already the workers in India, having learned of the deepened religious interest in Japan, have sent forth through their North India Mission Conference, assembled Sept. 18-26 at Missourie, a call for prayer that this wave of revival may sweep over all countries. Missionaries have been working in India now for one hundred years, and there are many indications that the seed so faithfully sown is likely to bear soon an unprecedented harvest. Certainly Christian people in this land ought to join with their brethren on the ground in prayer that their great yearning may soon be realized.

Among the many autumn meetings the sixteenth biennial conference of the International Board of Women and Young Women's Christian Association at Cleveland early in this month ought not to be overlooked. There came together from all over the country leaders in this movement, which undertakes to do in behalf of young women what the Y. M. C. A. does for young men. Among the men who had a part in the week's session were Prof. E. I. Bosworth, Rev. C. S. Mills and Rev. H. C. Hayden, D. D. The topics discussed related to the various practical lines of work which the association prosecutes, and were presented by prominent women from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Brooklyn, San Francisco, Richmond and other cities.

The Presbyterian Mission forces in China are sadly bereaved in the death of Dr. John G. Kerr of Canton, who had sole charge of the hospital there from 1855-82. Since the latter date he has rendered much valuable guidance and assistance to his younger colleagues. He has published twelve works on medicine and surgery and was recognized as one of the ablest medical men in China. In 1897 Colonel Denby, the United States minister, chose him in preference to the great Japanese surgeons in Tokyo to perform an operation for appendicitis. He probably might have earned in this country an income of perhaps \$50,000 a year, but his heart was in the missionary calling, and he made medicine in every case the handmaiden of the gospel.

In the beautifully decorated Nollendorfsplatz the first earth was broken last week for the American church in Berlin. The wife of the American ambassador, Mrs. A. D. White, the wife of General Consul Mason and most of the ladies of the American colony were present. The oldest American resident of Berlin, Mr. Griscom, handed to Miss Mamie Willard, niece of the late Miss Frances Willard, a silver spade made by an American firm. With it Miss Willard removed the first earth. She had been granted this part of honor because the first dollar which she had saved when a little girl became the nucleus of the building fund for the American church. Rev. Mr. Dickie, pastor of the American church, delivered the address. Ambassador White is to lay the corner stone on Thanksgiving Day.

St. Louis

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chief of construction and maintenance of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to turn over to the public, April 30, 1903, "the most magnificent exposition in the way of buildings, architectural effects and landscape gardening the world has ever seen," is to be met by the promise of the people to hand over to the world a city, on its physical side at least, redeemed and made beautiful. Designs for the chief buildings have been published, ground for the most important ones is about to be broken and the whole exposition site is rapidly being inclosed with a high board fence. The educational building, with an area of 400,000 square feet, and its annex, the social economy building, covering an equal area, as compared to the 105,850 square feet of the educational building of the Columbian Exposition, indicate the scale on which the directors are planning. With two high schools projected, the Carnegie grant of a million dollars for a central and ten branch libraries, a civic pride higher than ever before, the state is no longer "poor old Mizzoura!"

The Congregational Club met in the newly decorated rooms of the Mercantile Club and considered The Higher Life of St. Louis. Dr. Patton presided felicitously, his introductory sallies adding much to the pleasure of the evening. Prof. J. S. Collins, principal of the Eugene Field School, spoke on Education in Patriotism. Mr. W. B. Ittner, architect for the board of education, made an effective plea for the artistic in municipal construction, illustrating his remarks with stereopticon views from many cities in this and foreign countries. The address that awakened keenest interest, however, and which is the sensation of the hour in musical circles, was that of Mrs. J. L. Blair on The Development of Public Taste in Music. Her prominence as a musician and her recent appointment as a member at large of the board of lady managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition naturally created additional interest. The address was a trenchant arraignment of our lack of public spirit in developing musical taste. As a remedy she suggested: (1) demand good music; (2) pay for it; (3) appreciate it—and you will have it. All the papers published extracts from the address and are now printing replies and interviews with leading musicians.

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Amid these evils—possibly because of them—appear signs of renewed vitality in the churches. The Presbytery of Cincinnati has just devoted a full day to prayer and spiritual conference. Sixty or more clergymen attended this "retreat," and their common desire indicated a new evangelistic earnestness. Methodists at their district meeting, with the same desire for spiritual quickening, secured addresses from Mrs. J. Howard Taylor. She addressed women at Walnut Hills Congregational Church next day.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan will give a week to Cincinnati a month later, coming under the auspices of Lane Seminary on a special mission to the students and ministers of the city. Evening services in one of the leading down-town churches will be open to the public. The Congregational Union plans to have its part in this aggressive movement. A special effort is in progress to enlarge its membership and bring the churches into closest possible touch.

Work in the individual churches is prospering. The growth at Walnut Hills is steady and strong. Not for years have so many strangers attended. New members come at every communion. Columbia's pulse has beat stronger since the coming of Mr. Dickinson. This is shown by increased revenue.

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D. M. P.

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 EMBREE, JEHU H., to remain a third year with the churches of Loomis, Keystone and Pleasant Grove, Neb. Accepts, and adds Bertrand to the field temporarily, preaching there Sunday evenings.
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 KOKER, JORDAN M., Cowles, Neb., adds Pleasant Ridge to his field.
 LINDQUIST, AUGUST J., Swedish Ch., Naugatuck, Ct., to Scandinavian Ch., Woburn, Mass. Accepts.
 LYMAN, E. FENN, Leicester, S. D., accepts call to Milbank.
 MORSE, MORRIS W., Crete, Neb., to Ferndale, Wn. Accepts.
 NEWTON, ALBERT F., recently of Union Ch., Haverhill, Mass., to N. Leominster.
 PEASE, WM. P., Granite Falls, Wn., to Leavenworth. Accepts.
 PIERCE, WM., Kirkland, Ill., to Danvers. Accepts.
 SALLMON, WM. H., graduate student at Yale Sem., to presidency of Tabor Coll., Tabor, Io.
 TROWBRIDGE, JOHN P., Eastford, Ct., to N. Rochester, Mass. Accepts, closing a nine years' pastorate at Eastford.
 WARNER, THOS. H., to remain another year at Whitehall, Mich.
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Ordinations and Installations

BAILEY, HENRY L., Longmeadow, Mass., Nov. 13. Sermon, Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, Ph. D.; other

parts, Rev. Messrs. N. M. Pratt, N. M. Hall, G. H. Bailey, G. W. Winch, A. M. Spangler and O. W. Means.

BOOTH, HENRY KENDALL, Chicago Sem., o. First Ch., Michigan City, Ind., Nov. 4. Sermon, Prof. Douglass McKenzie; other parts, Rev. Messrs. A. O. Penniman, H. W. Heinzelman, O. L. Kiplinger.

CHALMERS, ANDREW B., t. Grand Avenue Ch., New Haven, Ct., Nov. 14. Sermon, Rev. Thomas Chalmers; other parts, Rev. Drs. W. W. Leete, W. L. Phillips and Rev. Messrs. F. R. Luckey, D. J. Clark and A. F. Irvine.

DOANE, FRANK B., t. North Haven, Ct., Nov. 13. Sermon, Dr. W. W. McLane; other parts, Dr. George B. Stevens and Rev. Messrs. W. G. Lathrop, G. A. Bushee and D. J. Clark.

MILBURN, JOSEPH ANTHONY, t. Plymouth Ch., Chicago, Nov. 12.

MULLENBACH, JAS., o. and t. Tabernacle Ch., Chicago, Nov. 11.

Resignations

ENGLISH, ISAAC N., Swanville, Minn.

MILLARD, M. J., Westmoreland, Kan., which he served in connection with Louisville.

RAREY, GEO. M., Vittum, Kan., and has removed to Wellington.

SEAVER, NORMAN, Montpelier, Vt., after eight years' service.

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The price level is one of great steadiness, with marked advances noted in raw cotton and in cereals. Where declines have occurred, as in crude rubber, they have been of rare exception.

Although shipments of boots and shoes continue on a very large scale, the situation is not without its unsatisfactory features, the principal point of complaint being that prices are not being maintained at a profitable level. In iron and steel great activity continues and, while exports of manufactured iron and steel products have fallen off somewhat, the home demand is still on an enormous scale. Wool and woollens and dry goods are in fair demand at steady prices.

Regarding the speculative situation, it still has an upward tendency, in spite of the break in prices of Thursday, Nov. 14. Although a stringency in money threatens at times to develop, it is believed that the same interests who have the stock market so well in hand will see to it that no flurry in money rates occurs, at least until they have distributed a large part of their burden of stocks. Amalgamated is being talked for higher prices, and likewise an advance generally in Boston's copper stocks.

Woman's Board Friday Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, NOV. 15

The leader, Mrs. W. N. Snow of Somerville, gave as the lesson of the hour the testing of our faith in trial, drawn from the experience of Moses at the waters of Marah.

Miss Child gave items with reference to the missionaries whose names were on the prayer calendar for the week. Mrs. C. A. Stanley and Mrs. F. M. Chapin are now on their way to North China. Miss Mary Porter, formerly of Pang-chuang, is now in Peking. She is chiefly responsible for the Bridgman school, and expects to have her home and work in Peking. Mrs. Henry Porter is in Beloit, Mich., and Mrs. A. P. Peck is still in California serving as president of the Woman's Board of the Pacific. These ladies were formerly in Pang-chuang, where Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith have probably arrived by this time. Mrs. Chauncey Goodrich, with her children, is now in this country. A letter was read from Miss Gertrude Wyckoff, written in Tientsin, Sept. 24. She had just returned from her summer vacation, where she

had visited missionaries and schools of other denominations.

Mention was made of Mrs. McMillan's lace school for Chinese girls, where thirty or forty girls, besides studying the "Christian Book," make pretty lace in silk, cotton and linen thread. A large firm in Chefoo takes all the lace they can make, and some of the girls are able to take to their parents as much as \$2 in gold every month or six weeks from their earnings.

The rumor in the morning papers of the speedy release of Miss Stone was alluded to, and Miss Gilman of Hallowell, Me., spoke of the comfort Miss Stone must derive from the consciousness that so many were praying for her. Mrs. Susan B. Childs of Northbridge, Mass., gave an illustration of the sustaining power in trial of the expectation of the joy set before us. Mrs. Kellogg and Miss Ilse C. Pohl of Smyrna, Turkey, and others gave personal experiences of the way in which their Marahs had been sweetened and blessed for them through the love of God. Mrs. I. V. Woodbury described the interest in Miss Stone's capture by an Italian whom she had seen, as shown by his questions: "Was she on a safe road?" "Was she a young girl?" etc., and reaching the conclusion that "the brigands were more wicked than I thought." Miss Skinner of Chicago presented greetings from the Woman's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society of the Northwest.

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PRAYER MEETING

BY REV. H. A. BRIDGMAN

Topic, Dec. 1-7. Children of God. Rom. 8: 14-17.

It is one thing to assert and prove the fact of sonship to God. It is quite another thing to enter upon and exemplify the life of sonship. There are still those who believe that no one has a right to call himself a child of God until he has passed through an experience known technically as conversion. But Christians today are coming to believe that a man's right to this title antedates his acceptance of the obligations which it involves. It is ingrained into the very fiber of his being. The church has been too slow in yielding this point, as if it might set a limit to its own prerogative or shatter its systems of theology. But we are at last seeing that there is an inestimable gain for the church itself in recognizing the universal fatherhood of God, and the fact that no matter how long the prodigal tarries in the far country he still bears the parental image and is the object of the father's love and care.

Yes, we are all the children of God. We are not the offspring of the devil, but the eternal God has made us and the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. You cannot have a race of human beings some of whom belong to God and some do not. When he created man in his own likeness, he took upon himself the responsibilities of universal fatherhood. Too many of us, it is sadly true, have to go through an experience similar to that of Flora, in one of Ian Maclaren's Bonnie Brier Bush stories, but when after long wandering we come back we shall find some such inscription as she found in her father's Bible:

Flora, missed May, 1873, found September, 1873.

We may be missed and lost out of our Father's house, but our place there is never preempted by another, and it is always waiting for us.

But while God changes not, we, through the perversity of our wills, can live in the world as though we had no divine parentage, and so practically nullify the meaning which it carries. Now and then we see a degenerate son of a noble sire, and as we reflect on what the fellow might have been if he had proved true

COFFEE COMPLEXION

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to his lineage, we say to ourselves: "Why, he is no son of his father. He does not exhibit any of the family characteristics. He does not class with those who have borne his name before him." By and by the grace of God gets hold of him, and outwardly and inwardly he is a changed man. Then with rejoicing we exclaim: "He now is a true son of his father. He is animated by the high motives which have always controlled his ancestors. He is adding luster to the family name. He is a true son of his father because he illustrates the qualities which have made his father respected and influential."

In just this fashion we dishonor, or we do credit, to our divine parenthood. The man who has not been touched by Jesus Christ to a realization of the fact that he belongs to God, the man who has not accepted the responsibility and obligations of sonship, the man who is not trying to do the will of the Father in heaven, is a burden and a disgrace in the family of God. O, let him awaken, let us awaken him, to his birthright and his calling.

The Church Prayer Meeting

Topic, Nov. 24-30. The Thanksgiving that Counts. Ps. 107: 1-16; 1 Cor. 14: 12-17; Eph. 5: 15-21.

[That which is spontaneous, devout and unselfish. [For prayer meeting editorial see page 795.]

In and Around Boston

A South End Five-Mile Post

At Union Church last Sunday Dr. Loomis completed five years of pastoral service. In a brief prelude the Doctor stated that since Jan. 1, 1897, 231 members have been added, 88 on confession, making the membership 585, a net gain of 74. During the half decade the church had placed in the edifice two organs—the first a failure, the second having only one defect, a balance unprovided for, but which, it is hoped, will soon be paid. Dr. Loomis emphasized the processional character of the congregation, which combines a large per cent. of business men, young people and students, interspersed with a few old families.

A Christmas Box for Dr. Grenfell

Notice is given in the Conversation Corner this week of the box to be sent to Dr. Grenfell, now at northern Newfoundland, where the new hospital is being built. Remember, these people had their first Christmas tree last year, and any books, games or toys, as well as warm clothing, will be gladly welcomed by the Doctor. Those who have seen the curios which he recently sent from Eskimo land have been impressed with the great ingenuity shown by the poor people, who scarcely see a needle, but who utilize to the utmost what little they have. Many of these curios have found ready purchasers.

In Memory of Joseph Cook.

A memorial service was held in Park Street Church last Sunday evening to recall the work of Joseph Cook, who lectured in that church for many seasons. Addresses were made by Rev. Drs. L. B. Bates and A. H. Plumb and Hon. C. H. Delano. Dr. Plumb appropriately summarized the elements of Mr. Cook's character which made him successful. They were, he said, his vast knowledge, his vigor of grasp in holding truths in their right relationship, his remarkable power of expression and his overwhelming moral and spiritual earnestness.

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Longmeadow's New Pastor

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Mr. Bailey was born in Brattleboro, Vt., and is a graduate of Middlebury College and Hartford Seminary. While supplying a little church in the Adirondacks, he met Miss Nellie Clute of Schroon Lake, N. Y., whom he married the following year and to whose winning personality and tactful co-operation much of his success has been due. His equipment was still further enriched by service under the American Board in India, relinquished only because the climate proved nearly fatal to Mrs. Bailey. Since 1891 he has been settled at Middletown Springs, where membership grew and contributions increased five-fold. In Vermont he was a director of the Domestic Missionary Society and a valued consulting editor of *The Congregationalist*. The latter position he retains, though his field is transferred to the Connecticut Valley.

The Longmeadow church is famous for long pastorates. Of the eight ministers who have presided over its nearly two centuries of life, the service of three aggregated 142 years: Dr. Stephen Williams, 66; the first Dr. Richard Salter Storrs, 34; Rev. J. W. Harding, 42. The new pastor seems fitted to continue the steadfast succession.

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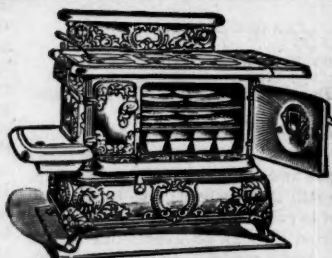
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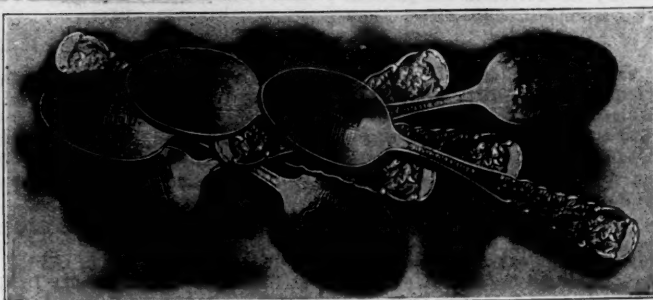
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